ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  University Faculty Meeting  Meeting Minutes  Date: November 23, 2020					
Chair:	Dr. William M. Wilson				
Present:	President Dr. William Wilson. Provost, Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez (Please find attached the names of all attendees).				
Start of Meeting	11:00 am in the Global Learning Center				
Welcome	Mrs. Lisa Wilson welcomed faculty and announced the gift of a Christmas wreath to be delivered to each faculty member.				
	The Music Department led Christmas songs and worship, followed by a solo by Michelle Eiler accompanied by Dr. Joyce Bridgman.				
Devotional	Dr. Joyce Bridgman reflected on her time at time ORU and the importance of preparing students to meet the challenges before them, sharpening their skills, seeking excellence, letting their "light so shine before men" that God will be honored. As a musician, she was encouraged to see "the piano bench as her altar bench" and to seek excellence while staying humble. Dr. Bridgman prayed a prayer of gratitude and for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit on the faculty.				
President's Report	Dr. Wilson's report included updates on the University and upcoming events:  Board of Trustees Meeting The Board of Trustees met virtually. Two members rotated off and several were added: Dr. Phyllis Allen-Doctor and educator Brooke Asiatico-Lawyer specializing in non-profits Dr. Sterling Brackett-Leader, educator, and pastor with Foursquare Dru Hammer-Background with foundations and in ministry Tracy Houston-Business owner and IT consultant Erich Lau-Founder and president of Lighthouse Media Rev. Samuel Rodriguez-Pastor and president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference  Updates were made to the language in the By-Laws. The Board expressed a strong commitment to the centrality of the work of the Holy Spirit and all gifts, including speaking in tongues. This commitment is expected of faculty as well, and evidence of a prayer language is a requirement for service as a Board of Trustees member at ORU. Historically, universities lose their vision in the "boardroom and classroom", and those who in those roles are key.  Budget Projections—we expect to be in the black by April, which is miraculous, in light of a \$7 million loss from a \$130 million budget. Mabee Center revenues alone were dow \$1 million. 40% universities laid off employees, however, ORU is not anticipating doing so. The \$1.9 million saved over summer was crucial.  The Board approved a 2% increase in room and board.  The Whole Leaders for the Whole World campaign continues. \$15 million must be raised to obtain matching funds. This was supported unanimously by the Board. Building will				

The Board approved the following promotions and sabbatical leave

Jeffrey Voth, M.Div-Professor

John Thompson, DSL- Professor

William Lyons, Ph.D.-Professor

Amanda Wilson, Ed.D.-Associate Professor

Angela Sample, MLIS, Ph.D.- Associate Professor

Christi Eschler-Freudenrich, Ph.D. - Associate Professor

Jason Pudlo, Ph.D. - Associate Professor

Celestino Velasquez, Ph.D. - Associate Professor

Jayne Ann Harder, Ph.D. - Associate Professor

Phillip Nelson, Ph.D. - Associate Professor

Eric Newberg, Ph.D. –Sabbatical

Reorganization of the College of Arts and Cultural Studies

The CACS is being reorganized to create the School of Media, Worship, and Performing Arts. The goal is to become "the best storytellers in the world" and to use these means to impact the nations.

#### **Covid-19 Prevalence and Precautions**

President Wilson displayed a graph of Covid-19 Positive Reports by Week indicating spikes in September, but lower numbers, generally decreasing through the semester. We acknowledge God's help in this and appreciate the efforts by everyone.

Current health and safety measure will continue for the Spring semester:

All classes will be face-to-face and virtual.

Negative test results will be required of students and faculty returning to campus.

Social distancing and face mask requirements in effect

Classroom safety measures

Potential random testing

## **Christmas Celebration**

The All Staff Christmas celebration will be held in Christ's Chapel December 18<sup>th</sup>. Food restrictions are still in place, but there will be singing, games, videos, and competition.

#### Winter Break

Faculty may access their office by swiping into the building. Faculty are requested to help with keeping students connected to ORU for return in the Spring. About 35 staff will be repurposed during the break to contact students and encourage retention. Upon return, faculty will be trained in how to communicate about ORU and assist in recruiting.

## Academic Council Report: Dr. Reid-Martinez

At the November 9, 2020, meeting, the Academic Council continued discussions on whether or not an AA degree should be offered at ORU, the J-Term, and academic advising to help students graduate in a timely manner.

Increasing the number of degrees awarded each year yields a higher completion rate, a matter of increasing concern to accrediting agencies. Dr. Foster will chair a committee responsible for writing the final report on the possibility of an ORU AA degree, to be presented at the January 2021 AC meeting.

The Council members reviewed the upcoming J-Term and expressed their interest in the development of additional courses for this initiative. The AC recognized the importance of academic advising and faculty engagement as key elements to student success, In response to the members' requests, the Registrar's Office will report back to the Council on what additional data can be provided to departments as their faculty advise students and help them move toward graduation. Additionally, the Registrar will explore the possibility of

	an ORU digital tag that could be used by ORU graduates to verify the authenticity of their degrees when they post it on social media, including LinkedIn and the like.  The report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote following a motion and second.
Closing Prayer:	Dr. Scott Quant of the music department closed in prayer.

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY LUNCHEON 11-23-2020

#### FULL TIME FACULTY ATTENDANCE

	102
1.	Allen, Joann F
2.	Althouse, Peter F
3.	Attah, Rebecca
4.	Baker, Ardith E
5.	Barreiro, Rafael O
6.	Bloom, Myra J
7.	Bohatec, Brenna B
8.	Bosch, Chancey T
9.	Boyd, Kim E
10.	Breckenridge, James F
11.	Bridgman, Joyce M
12.	Brown, Christopher A
13	Ruker William I

- 13. Buker, William J
  14. Bunn, Daniel D
  15. Butay, Lenore F
  16. Chale', Carlos R
  17. Chenoweth, Terry M
  18. Crawford, William T
  19. Dash, Joel S
- 20. Delaney, Matthew A
  21. Desman, Prathibha K
  22. Eiler, Michelle R
  23. Ekblad, Timothy L
  24. Elliott, William H
  25. Ellis, William C
  26. Farnsworth, David J
  27. Feltham, Doris K
  28. Foster, Angela M
- 30. Gaikwad, Joel S
  31. Garrison, Beverly M
  32. Gary, Judson E
  33. Gogan, Keith E
  34. Gomez, Brittany R
  35. Gordon, Bill R
  36. Grizzle, Trevor L
  37. Hailu, Solomon

29. Foster, Christopher G

38. Halsmer, Dominic M 39. Harder, Jayne A 40. Hart, Larry D 41. Higeons, Dana H

- 42. Holland, Laura L
  43. Horner, Thad R
  44. Howell, Jason W
  45. Huber, Fritz G
  46. Hullinger, Hallett G
  47. Huntley, Julie K
  48. Jenkins, John J
  49. Jezek, Kenda K
  50. Jost, Scarlet R
  51. Kelley, Katherine M
- 51. Kelley, Katherine M
  52. Kim, Jiwon
  53. Korstad, John E
  54. Landers, Gerald C
  55. Landrum, Kimberly S
  56. Lang, Andrew S
  57. Law, Barbara F
  58. Lim, Hayoung A
  59. Lindberg, Evalynne L
- 60. Liu, Xiao Fan Sophie
  61. Locke, Leighanne
  62. Loescher, Kerry R
  63. Lyons, William L
  64. Ma, Jungja C
  65. Ma, Wonsuk
  66. Malcolm, Jane B
  67. Manghum, Lynda
  68. Mankin, Nancy V
  69. Martin, Charlene S
  70. Matsson, John
- 71. Meyer, Gregory A
  72. Miller, Denise J
  73. Nelson, Philip P
  74. Newberg, Eric N
  75. Osborne, James B
  76. Otto, John P
  77. Paul, Jeffrey B
  78. Poore, Rebecca S
  79. Prentice, Dean L
  80. Pudlo, Jason M
  81. Quant, Robert S
- 82. Richardson, Sandra K

83. Robinson, Joe Ann	97. Turtova, Al	97. Turtova, Aleksandra P	
84. Royall, Linda S	98. Unruh, Teri	98. Unruh, Terry M	
85. Roye, Brandon R	99. Valderrama Araya, Enrique F		
86. Russell, James R	100. Vale	entz, Rachael M	
87. Sample, Angela R	101. Vela	asquez Garcia, Celestino	
88. Schneider, Christina J	102. Vicl	kery, Paul S	
89. Schneider, Kevin M	103. Vot	h, Jeffrey K	
90. Shannon, Terry V	104. Wal	ker, Andrea C	
91. Smith, E Glenn	105. Wat	son, Angela L	
92. Stubbs, Carolyn F	106. Wat	son, Edward W	
93. Swartwood, Jana M	107. Wee	ed, Kenneth M	
94. Swiney, Norah M	108. Who	eat, Stephen R	
95. Thompson, Audrey H	109. Wile	ey, Jonathan M	
96. Thompson, John P	110. Wils	son, Amanda J	

Full Time Total: 110\*

## ADJUNT FACULTY ATTENDANCE

- 1. Bernhardt, Jinger N
- 2. Bergner, Sherri K
- 3. French, Nathan S
- 4. George, Janet A

Adjunct Total: 4

President and Provost: 2

President's Staff: 9 Grand Total: 125\*\*

<sup>\*</sup>Missing physical sign-in sheet (generally 10-15 signees).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Excluding those signed in on physical shee