ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY University Faculty Meeting		
Meeting Minutes	Date: August 30, 2021	
Chair:	Dr. William M. Wilson	
Present:	President Dr. William Wilson. Provost, Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez	
Start of Meeting	11:00 am in the Global Learning Center	
Welcome	Mrs. Lisa Wilson welcomed faculty and coordinated a give-away.	
	All present received a copy of Dr. Wilson new book Generation Z: Born for the Storm.	
Devotional	Dr. Clarence Boyd, Vice-President of Student Life, spoke on I Samuel 17 and David's perceptions of and response to Goliath. He was of a different generation from the army of Israel. This generation is similar in both potential and attitude. Our task is producing a generation of leaders who are willing to fight the battle—contrasted with the "then men" who went after the enemy only when they turned to run—and understand the cost.	
President's Report	Move-in & Legacy Luncheon Thanks to all who helped. The drive-thru check in process was a success. The Legacy Luncheon for alumni whose children are attending ORU was perhaps the largest ever. Multiple families indicated that their children had initiated the idea to attend ORU. Enrollment & the Incoming Class Though final enrollment numbers are not complete, we do know this is the 13th year of continual growth at ORU. We are about 150 ahead of this point last year and 150-200 ahead in dorm occupancy. Undergrad online enrollment is up 20%; grad gains are less. In light of the overall state of private Christian higher ed (two similar schools are down 6% and 10%), we acknowledge and are grateful for God's miraculous work. The top five states represented in the incoming class include: Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, California, and Missouri. The top five nations (not including the US) represented in the incoming class are, in order: Nigeria, Ethiopia, Honduras, Cameroon, and India. The top five denominations represented in the incoming class are: Non-denominational, Assemblies of God, Pentecostal, Baptist, Charismatic (tied), Catholic (tied). The incoming class is about 20% self-reported African-American, making ORU one of most diverse campuses in the U.S. The Quest First scholarship for first generation students is having a great effect. Announcements The Stanley White i4 (imagine, innovate, incubate, impact) Lab was dedicated August 19th. The lab offers state-of-the-art technology as well as space for tutoring and study. The College of Business 3rd floor remodel is in progress. After some delays, permits have now been acquired and the work is ongoing. Dr. Norm Mintle has joined the College of Arts and Cultural Studies as Associate Dean.	

Dr. Dean Prentice has been appointed as the Dean of the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Audrey Thompson is Associate Dean overseeing the Anna Vaughn School of Nursing.

The annual Faculty Christmas Party will be held Tuesday, December 7th at Dr. and Mrs. Wilson's home. The employee Christmas party will be held December 21st.

The Health & Safety Taskforce will continue to monitor Covid-19 conditions. There are isolation/quarantine spaces on campus for students. Faculty are strongly encouraged to err on the side of caution and be tested (free) at Student Health when experiencing any symptoms, even those often associated with allergies or a cold. The Tulsa City Council did not approve a mask mandate. Faculty can request, but not mandate, that students wear masks in class.

Thanks to all who worked on the events for the Annual Kick-Off.

Provost's Report: Dr. Reid-Martinez

The Academic Council did not meet in August.

Preparation continues for the 2023 HLC Comprehensive Visit.

HLC has approved ORU's request for an additional location at Milestone Church in Keller, Texas.

The Registrar's Office is overseeing the implementation of DegreeWORKS, an advisement tool, to be rolled out in February 2022.

The Academy for Exceptional Teaching and Innovation will be holding workshops on the Faculty Annual Review, project-based learning, the *Feedback & Assessment* teaching domain, assessing the new University Outcomes, and low-stakes assessments.

Recent events and accomplishments in academics include:

- The Theatre Department and ORU Media livestreamed ten performance events.
- Stacey Blaylock is partnering with the National Assoc of Social Workers to host a virtual *Faith and Social Work* conference.
- Rochelle Wilson, College of Ed doctoral candidate, was named principal of the Tulsa Virtual Academy, Tulsa Public Schools.
- Five engineering majors and two business majors won 3rd place in the Stovall Center for Entrepreneurship Launch, developing a low cost ventilator, six of which have been purchased by the Togo Ministry of Health.
- College of Theology and Ministry faculty contributed to the *Routledge Handbook of Pentcostal Theology*.
- Learning Resources' Digital Showcase had 196,000 downloads last year.
- College of Health Sciences had 95% passing rate on the NCLEX nursing exam, well above the state and national average.
- College of Education had a 100% passing rate on the Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers, above the state average.
- College of Ed alumnus Dr. Monte Randall was named the Secretary of Education for Muscogee Creek Nation and President of the College of the Muscogee Nation.
- The Great Plains Honors Council awarded the 2021 Boe Award to Medical Molecular Biology major MacGregor Thomas.
- ORU students are using the Titan ORU supercomputer to study Covid-19 variants under a National Science Foundation grant.
- The ORU Sports Network is providing broadcast experience for ORU students.

Closing Prayer:	Prof. Brittany Gomez, Department of Social Work, closed in prayer.
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