

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY**  
**University Faculty Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: September 27, 2021**

**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 coordinated a give-away.

**Devotional** Allison Vujnovic, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management spoke of God's "reckless" love—without limits and not self-serving—as described in Luke 15; leaving the 99 to find the one who is lost.

**President's Report**

**Enrollment Update**

ORU has experienced 13 years of enrollment growth, as indicated by the Fall 2021 census data. There was growth in every area. Graduate enrollment is up, and online enrollment increased by 13.2%. Total residential FTE was up 9.8%; one of the best reports in the history of ORU.

Over 4,700 students are from all 50 states, 125 nations, and 4 territories. The top 5 states are Oklahoma, Texas, California, Colorado, and Missouri. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest freshman class in 16 years, and the largest graduate, online, and Advantage enrollment. The 89% retention rate is the highest in the last 5 years. The undergraduate residential freshman class is 16.5% international. Of residential students, 41.4% self-report as nondenominational, 11.2% Pentecostal, 10.9% Assemblies of God, 7.7% Baptist, 4.6% charismatic, 4% Catholic, and 20.3% other. Legacy enrollments are increasing each year.

The Advantage Program has great potential to serve high school students and recruit for ORU. With 1155 enrollments, larger numbers of students are coming to the university. 175 1<sup>st</sup> generation students are receiving a Quest First scholarship. These and other initiatives are contributing to increased enrollment.

The 68% retention rate of Spring 2021 virtual students is indicative of the challenges last spring and the importance of engaging these students.

**Ratings and Recognition**

- ORU tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation among all universities in student engagement (WSJ/Times Higher Ed).
- #1 in undergraduate teaching in Regional Colleges West (USN&WR).
- A Regional College West with the most international students (USN&WR).
- #3 Best value in Regional Colleges West (USN&WR).
- #6 Best Colleges for veterans in Regional Colleges West (USN&WR).

**Events**

Groundbreakings this Fall.

- Library, October 20
- Athletic Center, November 11
- MAC, November 17

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Faculty Christmas Party, December 7</li> <li>-Employee Christmas Banquet, December 21</li> <li>-Next Faculty Meeting, October 25</li> </ul>
<b>Provost's Report:</b> <b>Dr. Reid-Martinez</b>	<p>At the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Academic Council, faculty discussion centered on general education.</p> <p>The General Education Committee recommended that the faculty recognize the classical language courses BIB 251 Biblical Greek I, BIB 252 Biblical Greek II, BIB 311 Biblical Hebrew I, and 312 Biblical Hebrew II as fulfilling the general education modern language requirement. The classical language courses would not meet the GO requirement for degree completion as do the current modern language courses.</p> <p>The Council indicated a need for more discussion before voting on the proposal and requested the committee review the proposal and provide: 1-The original purpose for including a Modern Language requirement and whether this proposal changes that purpose. 2-Research on the contribution classical languages could have on ORU's globalization initiatives. 3-A review of the impact of adding classical languages, addressing national classical language trends in high schools, especially Christian schools and homeschooling, as well as implications for marketing and enrollment.</p>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<p>Dr. Patrick Otto, Chair of Graduate Education closed in prayer.</p>