

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
University Faculty Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 25, 2021

Chair: Dr. William M. Wilson

Present: President Dr. William Wilson. Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, Provost
(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 Neal Stenzel, CFO and Vice President for Finance spoke on gratitude. Recent personal challenges, including a difficult case of COVID-19 and a serious automobile accident, have increased his appreciation of and gratitude for things we often take for granted. Colossians 3:15-17 encourages us “Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts...and be thankful...singing...with thankfulness...and to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks...”.

President’s Report

Journal of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for Christians in Higher Ed
As the current editor of this journal, Dr. Hayoung Lim (Professor of Music) reviewed the aim and scope of the journal and the submission process. This peer-reviewed journal is housed at ORU. The deadline for submission for the 2022 issue is December 1. See: https://digitalshowcase.oru.edu/sotl_ched/submissionsteps.html

E21 International Conference in Dubai & the EveryONE Initiative
President Wilson, Dr. Reid-Martinez, Provost, Dr. Ma, Dean of the College of Theology and Ministry, and others attended the E21 Conference in Dubai over Fall Break. A major focus of the conference was the EveryONE initiative. The vision for EveryONE is “That every person on earth would have an authentic encounter with Jesus Christ through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit...by Pentecost 2033”.

EveryONE emphasizes evangelizing not only people groups, but giving each individual the opportunity to encounter Christ. In the gospels, Jesus consistently sought out individuals in the midst of his broader public ministry. Beginning with a conference in Amsterdam in 2023, EveryONE will gather evangelists and Great Commission ministries, foster collaboration, mobilize young people, and support, resource and champion ministries in their efforts within their constituencies to reach everyone.

Groundbreakings for New Buildings
The groundbreaking for the J.D. McKean library was held October 20. The ground-breaking for the Mike Carter Athletic Center will be held November 12, and the Media Arts Center November 17. We have seen miraculous provision in this effort. Continued prayer is needed as materials and construction costs continue to rise.

Mabee Center Seats
Many of the new seats for the Mabee Center have been installed. The remainder have been slowed by shipping/cargo transfer challenges—but are on their way.

	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Next Faculty Meeting, November 22 -Faculty Christmas Party, December 7 -Employee Christmas Banquet, December 22
<p>Provost's Report: Dr. Reid-Martinez</p>	<p>Academic Council</p> <p>At the October 25, 2021 meeting of the Academic Council, faculty discussion centered on general education. The General Education Committee requested votes on course additions, continued discussion on Modern Language Requirements, and proposed a change to the current University Swim Proficiency requirements.</p> <p>The Academic Council approved COSE-2021-16 Boxing and Fitness and COSE-2021-21 MAT 232 Revision of Course Description.</p> <p>The College of Theology and Ministry will provide the General Education Committee with an expanded report on the proposal to allow classical languages of Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Greek to meet the General Education language requirement. The report will be distributed to the academic deans and Academic Council representatives for discussion in the colleges.</p> <p>In regard to swimming proficiency, the Academic Council gave unanimous support for a focus on training for water safety. The provost asked that additional information be provided from the General Education Committee and the College of Science and Engineering to be presented at the next Academic Council before asking representatives to take it to their colleges for discussion.</p> <p>HLC Update</p> <p>HLC and ORU representatives met with faculty and administration at Milestone Church, Dallas, TX, in preparation for final approval by HLC for Milestone as an extension locational for ORU. As the third such location, this approval would expedite future expansion for ORU.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer:</p>	<p>Prof. Rebecca Poore, College of Nursing, member of the Faculty Life Committee, closed in prayer.</p>