

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
University Faculty Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2022

Chair: Dr. William M. Wilson

Present: Dr. William Wilson, President; Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, Provost; Faculty

Start of Meeting	11:00 am in the Global Learning Center
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Welcome	Mrs. Lisa Wilson welcomed faculty.
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Devotional	Terry Kolmorgen, J.D., University Counsel, spoke on Joshua 3. Priests carrying in the Ark were told to step into the Jordan river, to “get their feet wet”, then they would see God make a way for Israel to pass through. At that time of year, the Jordan was a fast-flowing torrent. Similarly, we are called to move forward by faith to see God’s purposes and provision—which sometimes arrive at the last minute.
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Academic Calendar	<p>President Wilson called the meeting to order and called on Dr. Reid-Martinez for the Provost’s Report, including the motion regarding the 2023-2024 academic calendar.</p> <p>In addition to the report from Academic Council, Dr. Reid-Martinez presented information confirming the adequacy of each calendar option in meeting standards for Carnegie hours each semester. Also, a review of multiple institutions found none with a 17 week calendar.</p> <p>President Wilson presided over the discussion and voting on the academic calendar. Four Academic Calendar Voting Options were presented:</p> <p>Option 1: 15 weeks, 60 min MWF classes Option 2: 16 weeks, 60 min MWF classes Option 3: 16 weeks, 55 min MWF classes Option 4: 17 weeks, 50 min MWF classes*</p> <p>*This option added by the University Faculty Life Committee</p> <p>A motion was passed that the voting take place in two rounds: first voting on all four options; second, the two options with the highest number of votes in the first round.</p> <p>Faculty raised several issues in the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-A shorter semester presents challenges for Nursing students meeting clinical hour requirements.-External accreditors require a set number of hours in internships. Also, lab requirements are difficult to meet in shorter semesters.-Students are already stressed. Shorter semesters and a more compressed schedule may increase mental health concerns.-A shorter (15 week) semester allows an extra week in the summer to catch up.-Enrollment management prefers a 15-week semester to enroll international students.-There was no clear consensus from student life or athletics.
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	<p>Voting was conducted by paper secret ballot and counted by a member of the Faculty Life Committee and the acting secretary of the University Faculty.</p> <p>Option 1 and Option 3 received the most votes in the first round of voting.</p> <p>The second round of voting was carried out in the same way with a final count of:</p> <p>Option 1 65 votes Option 3 67 votes Abstain 4 votes</p>
Provost's Report: Dr. Reid-Martinez	<p>At the April 11, 2022 meeting of the Academic Council, faculty discussed the General Education Committee report, Registrar updates, and the academic calendar.</p> <p>New General Education outcomes will be discussed Fall 2022. GEN 115 Whole Leader Foundations was approved and may substitute for GEN 114 Online Learning Strategies.</p> <p>The Office of the Registrar reported that over 10 groups have been trained on DegreeWorks this spring. Over 900 applications to graduate have been received.</p> <p>Academic Council representatives reported on their college responses to the proposed academic calendars and discussed the concerns raised by each college:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83 faculty in favor of: 15 week, 60 minute MWF classes, 7:15am start time, 12:00-1:30pm lunch. • 19 faculty in favor of: 16 week, 60 minute MWF classes, 7:15am start time, 12:00-1:30pm lunch. • 29 faculty in favor of: 16 week, 55 minute MWF classes, 7:30am start time, 12:00-1:15pm lunch, an additional class period on MWF. • 8 faculty abstained <p>Per the voting results and following the concerns discussed, the Academic Council brought the following to the University Faculty:</p> <p><u>Motion</u>: The Academic Council moves that the University Faculty discuss the three academic calendar options as follows: Option 1 15 weeks, 60 min MWF classes; Option 2 16 weeks, 60 min MWF classes; Option 3 16 weeks, 55 min MWF classes.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously following a motion and second by Dr. Watson and Dr. Feller.</p>
President's Report	<p>Enrollment Update Spring 2022 enrollments increased in every category from Spring 2021. The total undergraduate FTE increased 7.6%, and graduate FTE increased 9.0%</p> <p>Five Year Adaptive Plan Nine-six percent of KPIs were met or exceeded the goal for 2022—the highest ever. The FY 2023 Plan contains 8 goals, 39 objectives, and 170 KPIs.</p> <p>Board of Trustees The Board of Trustees/Faculty Banquet was held April 19th.</p> <p>New Trustees include: Cassie Byram Reggie Dabbs Daniela Freidzon McCabe Gordon Helm</p>

	<p>Faith Emmanuel Benson Idahosa II Gary Nelson</p> <p>Faculty Emeritus status was awarded to: Dr. Even Culp, College of Arts and Cultural Studies Prof. Rhonda Gallagher, College of Arts and Cultural Studies Prof. Laura Holland, College of Arts and Cultural Studies Dr. John Korstad, College of Science and Engineering</p> <p>Doctorate of Strategic Leadership The Higher Learning Commission approved the Doctorate of Strategic Leadership. The first cohort will begin Fall 2022.</p> <p>Faculty Life Committee Four members have completed their two-year term. The 2022-2023 FLC is:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Prof. Myra Bloom</td><td>University Library</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. James Russell</td><td>College of Business</td></tr> <tr> <td>Prof. Brittany Gomez</td><td>College of Science & Engineering</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Michelle Eiler</td><td>College of Arts & Cultural Studies</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Angie Foster</td><td>College of Health Sciences</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Patrick Otto</td><td>College of Education</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Bill Lyons</td><td>College of Theology & Ministry</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Julie Huntley</td><td>Dean's Academic Council</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. William Wilson</td><td>Chair</td></tr> </table> <p>Upcoming Events Commencement, April 30 Faculty Connection, August 15</p>	Prof. Myra Bloom	University Library	Dr. James Russell	College of Business	Prof. Brittany Gomez	College of Science & Engineering	Dr. Michelle Eiler	College of Arts & Cultural Studies	Mrs. Angie Foster	College of Health Sciences	Dr. Patrick Otto	College of Education	Dr. Bill Lyons	College of Theology & Ministry	Dr. Julie Huntley	Dean's Academic Council	Dr. William Wilson	Chair
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Closing Prayer:	Prof. Myra Bloom, University Library, led the closing prayer.																		