

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
University Faculty Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2023

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

Welcome Mrs. Lisa Wilson welcomed faculty and coordinated a give-away.

Devotional Srikanth Srinivasan, a graduate student from Bangalore, India began with his testimony of a time of prayer at home in India culminating in the conviction he was to attend ORU. The same day, he received communication from an ORU enrollment counselor, encouraging him to apply. He then spoke on God identifying Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Ex. 3). Despite their failures, the faithfulness of God was demonstrated in these lives. Paul, too, was aware of his failures (I Cor. 15:9), yet experienced the sufficiency of God's grace (II Cor. 12:9).

President's Report

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met April 18-19, beginning with a celebration marking Dr. Wilson's 10th anniversary as president of ORU.

April 19th the Mike Carter Athletic Center was dedicated. This state-of-the-art center houses training rooms, practice spaces, and offices for ORU athletics.

The Board reviewed and approved the 2023-2024 Five Year Adaptive Plan. Of the 171 KPIs in 2022-2023, 136 (80%) were met, 29 (17%) were met and exceeded, and 6 (3%) were not met. At 97%, this is the highest level of completion in the history of the Five Year Adaptive Plan process. The new fiscal year Five Year Adaptive Plan has 8 goals, 40 objectives, and 203 KPIs.

The Board approved the fiscal year 2024 budget, which includes positions for a Director of Parent Engagement, Manager of Revenue Optimization (for external sources of revenue, e.g. Citiplex & GEB), and a Faculty Chaplain, along with establishing the Center for Spirit-Empowered Research. Dr. Clarence Boyd, currently VP for Student Life, will be Faculty Chaplain and a Senior Professor in the College of Theology and Ministry. Dr. Wonsuk Ma, currently Dean of the College of Theology and Ministry will be the Executive Director of the ORU Center for Spirit-Empowered Research.

President's Office Staff Changes:

Max Barroso-Executive Strategist for Ministry and Leadership Initiatives
Eric Peterson-Executive Administrator and Personal Assistant to the President
Alyssa Sanders-Coordinator of Content, Research, and Writing for the Office of the President.

The Board welcomed five new trustees: Rhae Buckley, Joe Dobbins, Richie Hughes, Elias Reyes, and Colleen Rouse.

The Board approved Faculty Emeritus status for: Dr. Samuel Thorpe, Dr. Agena Farmer, Dr. Jim Myers, and Dr. Patricia Catts.

Faculty Awards

Dr. Julie Ma *Models of Excellence in Scholarship Award*

Dr. Patrick Otto *Faculty Alumni Relations Award*

Dr. Chris Brown *Excellence in Teaching, College of Arts & Cultural Studies*

Dr. James Russell *Excellence in Teaching, Fenimore & Fisher College of Business*

Dr. Amanda Wilson *Excellence in Teaching, College of Education*

Prof Sasha Turova *Excellence in Teaching, College of Science & Engineering*

Dr. James Barber *Excellence in Teaching, College of Theology & Ministry*

Dr. Angela Sample *Excellence in Teaching, Learning Resources Faculty*

Dr. James Russell *Harold and Edna Paul Excellence in Teaching Award*

Virtual Teaching Initiative

Having received Board approval and based on feedback from the colleges and discussions in the Faculty Life Committee, we will move forward on the Virtual Teaching initiative. Dr. Wilson outlined the plans for the coming year:

ORU Delivery Options

Residential-100% on campus in Tulsa, fall, spring, and summer (150 programs)

100% Online-Completely distance, synchronous and asynchronous, with 7-week sessions and 10 mini-semester starting points (25 programs).

Virtual-100% co-existent with residential programs with live synchronous interaction with faculty and students, fall, spring, and summer (150 potential programs).

Virtual Initiative Strategies-Progress

Virtual offerings will be synchronous (vs. online asynchronous) and will be priced the same as residential (less room and board). Scholarship offerings will be the same as for residential students. The University Planning Council developed 8 KPIs addressing this initiative to ensure that ORU Virtual is done well.

Virtual Initiative-Timeline

2023-2024 will be a year of Virtual initiative launch and refining, with 10 to 20 programs will be offered, including undergraduate and graduate. All faculty will train throughout the academic year to prepare for increased program offerings for fall 2024. Angel funding is secured for equipment and TA assistance. Grants are being sought.

Virtual Initiative-Implementation

The first year will include blended classes (in-person + virtual students) and virtual only, to research student and faculty responses to the two modalities. The present plan is for every college to have one classroom space that is very well equipped for virtual teaching.

Virtual Initiative Committee

Dr. Bill Buker *Faculty Representative*

Nathan Carson *Online Enrollment Representative*

Vinay Manda *System and Global Learning & Innovation Representative*

Mike Mathew *Committee Chair*

Dr. Charles Scott *External Affairs & Marketing Representative*

Jana Swartwood *Student Support Representative*

Alison Vujnovic *Residential Enrollment Representative*

Dr. Kenneth Weed *Dean and Academic Representative.*

President Wilson feels this is a window of opportunity with great potential for growth and reaching a new student population. Faculty were encouraged to be engaged in this process. The goal is a *real* ORU grad, one who fully demonstrates the ORU student outcomes even though he/she has not physically been on campus.

Amsterdam2023 Conference

The E21 Amsterdam2023 Everyone conference will be June 21-24. With over 20 workshops and tracks, this will be a time of equipping and strategizing.

	<p>2023 Leaders Consultation & Call to the Global Church A Leaders Consultation in New York yielded <i>A Call to the Global Church for a Decade of Great Commission Effort</i>. The statement is a commitment to collaborate, pray, mobilize, invest, and go in support of the Great Commission. Many leaders worldwide have signed off on this statement.</p> <p>Faculty Life Committee Thank you to the 2022-2023 Faculty Life Committee: Prof. Myra Bloom <i>University Library</i> Dr. Michelle Eiler <i>College of Arts & Cultural Studies</i> Prof. Angie Foster <i>College of Health Sciences</i> Prof. Brittany Gomez <i>College of Science & Engineering</i> Dr. Julie Huntley <i>Dean's Academic Counsel</i> Dr. Bill Lyons <i>College of Theology & Ministry</i> Dr. Patrick Otto <i>College of Education</i> Dr. James Russell <i>College of Business</i> Dr. William Wilson <i>Chair</i></p> <p>The incoming 2023-2024 Faculty Life Committee: Dana Higeons <i>University Library</i> Dr. Michelle Eiler <i>College of Arts & Cultural Studies</i> Prof. Angie Foster <i>College of Health Sciences</i> Prof. Nancy Mankin <i>College of Science & Engineering</i> Dr. Julie Huntley <i>Dean's Academic Counsel</i> Dr. Bill Lyons <i>College of Theology & Ministry</i> Dr. Jared Johnston <i>College of Education</i> Dr. James Russell <i>College of Business</i> Dr. William Wilson <i>Chair</i></p> <p>Dates Summer Prayer Gatherings: May 19 & June 13, 11:00am-12:00pm, GLC Faculty Connection: Monday, August 7</p>
<p>Provost's Report: Dr. Reid-Martinez</p>	<p>At the April 17, 2023 meeting the Academic Council approved GED/DCM 323 Podcasting: Digital Storytelling Concept to Delivery (Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Course).</p> <p>The Council discussed adding <i>Special Topics</i> courses to meet the SIC requirement. This discussion will continue in the Gen Ed Curriculum Committee and will be brought back to the Council Fall 2023.</p> <p>The office of the Registrar reminded the Council that Fall 2023 will begin the 16-week semester with classes starting on Thursday, August 17th.</p> <p>Dr. Wilson clarified the 16-week semester option as chosen by the faculty. Historically, the spring semester has been shorter than the fall with commencement targeted for the 1st Saturday in May. Accordingly, the fall 2023 semester will be a full 16 weeks and the spring 15 ½ weeks.</p> <p>The report was accepted by unanimous vote after a motion by Dr. Agena Farmer and second by Prof. Brittany Gomez.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer:</p>	<p>Dr. James Russell, Fenimore & Fisher College of Business, led the closing prayer.</p>