

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
MINUTES**

**January 25, 2016 – 11:00 a.m., Trustees Dining Room**

**Attendees:** 144 full-time faculty members including the President and the Provost, 9 adjunct faculty, and 9 guests. Individual names attached following minutes.

1. **TOPIC:** Luncheon

Lunch was served followed by a distribution of door prizes awarded by Mrs. Lisa Wilson to randomly selected faculty members in attendance

2. **TOPIC:** Devotion—Larry Hart

Dr. Larry Hart presented a devotional on Zech 9:9 and Matt. 21:5 describing Jesus' triumphal entry on a donkey and stating that ORU faculty are donkeys—thoughtful, intentional, and Biblically present

3. **TOPIC:** President's Report—President

- Enrollment update—3,401 in spring 2016 vs. 3320 in spring 2015 with a fall to spring retention rate of 92.86%
- New Dean of Student Success position announced with duties to help elevate graduation and retention rates in support of Adaptive Plan Objective 3.6; track student progress toward graduation; will be a part of Deans Council; will blend Retention and Career Services
- ORU first-time, full-time 2008 cohort (6-year) graduation rate is 53% compared to a national rate of 55.1%; ORU's 4-year graduation rate is 43% compared to a national rate of 39.4%
- Faculty Life Committee report—members recognized; items under discussion in committee include University Faculty Meeting rules of order including voting procedures; a Faculty Retirement process; and a possible faculty retreat
- Press Relations procedures—reminder concerning section 2.2.33 of the Faculty and Administration Handbook called Representing the University, faculty reminded to contact Public Relations when contacted by external press-related reporters or interviewers
- Special Faculty Recognition—public presentation of the following Military Bible Association awards; Best-selling Author as Editor-in-Chief for the New Testament to Dr. Edward Watson; Best-selling Author for the MEV synoptic gospels and Pauline epistles to Dr. Jeffery Lamp

**REQUESTED RESPONSES:**

- Faculty requested to provide feedback concerning interest in a "Faculty Retreat" to Faculty Life committee representative
- Faculty requested to contact Public Relations whenever contacted by Press

4. **TOPIC:** Provost Report—Provost

- China Update—Marketing ORU through Chinese government agencies; development of MOU's and articulation agreements with Beijing Foreign Studies Universities; developing discussion of a Social Work Certificate in China
- Task Group scheduling update—revised meeting schedule emailed to all faculty members
- Group Advisement date revised to February 29

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5. **TOPIC:** Academic Council Report (Summary of meeting minutes)—Provost
- Report distributed and read aloud and is attached.
  - Discussion topics—proposal of changing the “last 30 hours” policy tabled; summer school information; comments on developing articulation agreements

**ACTION:** Report moved, seconded, and following discussion questions was approved

6. **TOPIC:** HLC Criterion Review
- HLC Comprehensive visit will occur at ORU on October 31, 2016
  - As an “educating the campus” activity, faculty will be informed of all of the criteria for accreditation to prompt consideration of how to respond—Criterion One: Mission read aloud
  - Discussion of Criterion One review process including collection of departmental mission statements and associated Adaptive Plan correlations with Whole Person Education; discussion of how diversity is expressed through educational experiences

**REQUESTED RESPONSES:**

- Faculty requested to review departmental mission statements to assure current program alignment and explore ways to display the mission to students and ORU community
  - Faculty requested to respond to requests for specific documents
7. **TOPIC:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reflection—Feller Family ORU History (video presentation)  
Dr. Randall Feller described generations of Feller Family history at ORU.
8. **TOPIC:** Meeting closed by the President at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kenneth Weed*

**LIST OF ATTENDEES**  
**UNIVERSITY FACULTY**  
**January 25, 2016**

**Full-time Faculty**

Lois Ablin  
Robin Akbar  
Joann Allen  
Ardith Baker  
Rafael Barreiro  
Richard Berumen  
Myra Bloom  
Chancey Bosch  
Kim Boyd  
Sonny Branham  
James Breckenridge  
Joyce Bridgman  
Christopher Brown  
Fleta Buckles  
Rachel Budavich  
David Burkus  
Robert Canada  
Patricia Catts  
Carlos Chale'  
Stephanie Coker  
William Collier  
Even Culp  
Walter Cyprowski  
Linda Dunham  
David Dyson  
Timothy Ekblad  
William Elliott  
William Ellis  
Lanny Endicott  
William Epperson  
Cristi A Eschler-  
Freudenrich  
Albert Essandoh  
Agena Farmer  
David Farnsworth  
Randall Feller  
Joseph Fulton  
Joel Gaikwad  
Rhonda Gallagher  
Beverly Garrison  
Jay Gary  
George Gillen  
Keith Gogen  
Bill Gordon  
Linda Gray

Elena Gregg  
M. Ray Gregg  
Trevor Grizzle  
Rebecca Gunn  
Joseph Guthrie  
Solomon Hailu  
Mark Hall  
Dominic Halsmer  
Larry Hart  
Harley Hatley  
Dana Higeons  
Laura Holland  
Jason Howell  
Fritz Huber  
Hallett Hullinger  
Julie Huntley  
Cheryl Iverson  
John Jenkins  
Kenda Jezek  
Scarlet Jost  
Lori Kanitz  
Gary Kern  
Robert Kiel  
Jiwon Kim  
Catherine Klehm  
John Korstad  
Laura Krohn  
Mark Labash  
Jeffery Lamp  
Barbara Law  
Robert Leland  
Ruby Libertus  
Hayoung Lim  
Evalynne Lindberg  
Xiao Fan Sophie Liu  
Marcia Livingston  
Leighanne Locke  
Kerry Loescher  
William Lyons  
Jane Malcolm  
Nancy Mankin  
Charlene Martin  
Rinne Martin  
Tom Mathew  
John Matsson

Judith Mayton  
Kenneth Mayton  
Susan McMurray  
Denise Miller  
Mary Lou Miller  
Lenore Mullican  
Eric Newburg  
Eloy Nolivos  
Timothy Norton  
James Norwood  
Nathaneal Opp  
James B. Osborne  
John Otto  
Edward Pierce  
Gary Pranger  
Kenneth Preston  
Christie Putman  
William Ranahan  
Sandra Richardson  
Warren Rieger  
Joe Ann Robinson  
James Russell  
Steven Rydin  
Angela Sample  
Courtney Sanders  
Terry Shannon  
James Shelton  
Sally Shelton  
Connie Sjoberg  
Debra Sowell  
Bob Steward  
Audrey Thompson  
John Thompson  
Robert Thorpe  
Rhesa Chene Tucker  
Terry Unruh  
Enrique Valderrama  
Rachel Valentz  
Corinne VanArsdale  
Paul Vickery  
Annette Villines  
Stephanie Wade  
Andrea Walker  
Mary Walker  
Vicki Walker

Charles (Tim) Waters  
Angela Watson  
Edward Watson  
Kenneth Weed  
Jonathan Wiley  
Daniel Williams  
Marshal Wright  
Daobin Zhang  
Charles Zwick  
Kathaleen Reid-Martinez,  
Provost  
William M. Wilson,  
President

**Adjunct Faculty**

Garnet Baker  
Mandel Chenoweth  
Cassandra Choflet  
David Connor  
Jenny Fang  
Jayne Ann Harder  
Judi Nation  
Jeffrey Voth  
Christina Woodrow

**Number Attending**

Full-time Faculty	144
Adjunct Faculty	9
Guests/Others	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

**PROVOST'S SUMMARY REPORT  
OF  
ORU ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES  
Meeting Date: December 4, 2015**

The Academic Council held a special meeting December 4, 2015, since it would not meet in January due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

After approval of the November 16, 2015, meeting minutes, the following topics were discussed.

Last 30 Hour Policy. The Academic Council received a proposal from the registrar to change the current policy from the last 30 hours of coursework to be taken at ORU to 30 hours of coursework to be taken at ORU. The purpose of this request was to let the policy be in alignment with university best practices in the state of Oklahoma and to help ORU increase its capacity to follow Federal Compliance requirements that students be supported in opportunities to graduate in a timely manner. This policy recommendation does not require any changes to current ORU transfer, general education, or departmental program requirements. After discussion, the Academic Council voted to table the review until its next meeting.

Summer School. Dr. Mark Hall, Dean of the College of Arts and Cultural Studies, expressed appreciation to Dr. Julie Huntley for her work on revising summer school policies and reported that free housing will be offered to students engaged in four academic events during the summer. The cafeteria will be open 48 days in the summer for camps, and students can purchase meals from the cafeteria during this time. The goal of this initiative is to increase enrollment throughout the summer.

Articulation Agreements. Dr. Hall reported on the national and state articulation agreements under consideration, including several with Tulsa Community College. He referenced current discussions with Lone Star College in Texas, Teen Mania, Hill Song, Victory, and Christ for the Nations, as well as international opportunities with Asia Life in Malaysia, Shiloh Bible College in Ethiopia, and Beijing Foreign Studies University. He, also, noted that most of the articulation agreements are for a period of three years and stay within ORU's current transfer policies.

Announcements. Terry Unruh made announcements regarding the Christmas Concert, the President and Mrs. Wilson's Christmas Party, and the ORU Christmas employee lunch. Dr. Ken Berchenbriter announced that D2L would be enhanced with additional functionality over the holidays and that photo class rosters would be available for faculty after the drop/add period, approximately the second week of the semester.

Respectfully submitted,  
Provost Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, Ph.D.