

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY FACULTY
MINUTES**

August 24, 2015 – 11:00 a.m., Trustees Dining Room

1. **TOPIC:** Opening—President
President Wilson called the first meeting of the newly organized University Faculty to order. An agenda was provided to all members. Dr. William Jernigan offered an opening prayer.
2. **TOPIC:** Luncheon
Lunch was served followed a presentation of door prizes awarded by Mrs. Lisa Wilson to randomly selected faculty members who were present
3. **TOPIC:** Devotion—Larry Hart
Dr. Larry Hart presented a devotion based on Romans 8:14 called the “Leadership of the Holy Spirit.”
4. **TOPIC:** President’s Report—President
President Wilson reported highlights of the opening of the semester.
 - Record attendance for the Legacy Breakfast
 - Record attendance for the Arise freshmen services; thanking faculty who served
 - Programs with the highest freshmen enrollment: Biology, Nursing, Business Administration, Ministry and Leadership
 - Enrollment census date will be September 11
 - Donations for student scholarships continue to come in—Thank God
 - Increase this year in meal plans and in dorm occupancyReview of summer projects—renovation of Psychology and Physical Science laboratories; opening of Music Therapy clinic; development of Prayer Tower museum in preparation of 50th anniversary
Review of upcoming events
 - 50th anniversary celebration—Global Achievement Award winners have been selected
 - 50th Anniversary Gala with Will Graham and Sandi Patty as guest presenters, Oct. 23, 2015
 - Board of Installation Dinner, Nov. 10, 2015, 60th floor CityPlex Towers

REQUESTED RESPONSE: Faculty members are asked to (1) contact Dr. Nancy Brainard concerning students, especially Juniors or Seniors, who are in dire financial need to complete enrollment, (2) help the 60 students who have not completed enrollment, (3) sign up, if desired, for the 50th Anniversary Gala quickly due to limited space, and (4) to RSVP, if desired, to the invitation for the Board of Trustees Installation Dinner
5. **TOPIC:** Provost’s Report—Provost
 - Whole Person international program development continues in China and Singapore with potential for a fine arts opportunity
 - Adaptive Plan KPI reports
 - Objective 6.4: Pilot Healing Team sent to Brazil
 - Objective 8.3: To establish at least one Ph.D. program in the next 5 years. A couple of proposals have been submitted.

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REQUESTED RESPONSE: (1) Objective 6.4: Colleges interested in developing healing teams should contact Kevin Snyder in the College of Business or the Provost. (2) Objective 8.3: Send creative learning or research ideas to the Provost

6. **TOPIC:** Academic Council Report—Provost

- Academic Council subcommittee to develop procedures formed
- Revised Curriculum Change Form submitted for review
- List of committee assignments submitted to University Faculty. Committees will begin meeting in September.
- Academic Council recommends to University Faculty beginning a comprehensive review of general education in August 2015.
- Objective 3.4: College of Science and Engineering initiating an intentional program of student-engaged research. New Experimental Psychology lab completed.
- Proposal to Academic Council concerning BA vs. BS conversion policy returned for further review.

ACTION: Academic Council report received as read. Motion: Marcia Livingston; Second: David Dyson; Vote to approve was unanimous with no one opposed or abstaining.

7. **TOPIC:** Comprehensive General Education Review proposal

- Representing the General Education Curriculum Committee, Dr. Lori Kanitz detailed the recommendation from Academic Council to initiate a comprehensive review of general education.
- Current ORU General Education program is currently two-tiered with no connection to professional learning with courses limited to 100 level courses with one exception.
- Propose a three-year process with Year 1 for open comment, Year 2 for committee recommendations, and Year 3 for implementation strategies

ACTION: In addition to the motion from the Academic Council, a motion and second was accepted from the floor to initiate a comprehensive review of General Education. Vote to approve was unanimous with no one opposed or abstaining.

8. **TOPIC:** University Faculty procedures

- Faculty Life Committee reports directly to University Faculty. Members introduced.
- Dr. Kenneth Weed will serve as secretary of University Faculty.
- Faculty Christmas Reception at Dr. Wilson's home on December 10, 2015

9. **TOPIC:** Closing prayer offered by Dr. Trevor Grizzle followed by adjournment at approximately 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Weed