

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
MINUTES**

**September 28, 2015 – 11:00 a.m., Trustees Dining Room**

1. **TOPIC:** Luncheon

Lunch was served followed a presentation of door prizes awarded by Mrs. Lisa Wilson to randomly selected faculty members who were present

2. **TOPIC:** Devotion—Larry Hart

Dr. Larry Hart presented a devotion based on the first five chapters of 1 Thessalonians addressing how to rejoice in the sacredness of living daily life.

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

President Wilson reported highlights of the fall 2015 semester to date.

- Total enrollment up to 3,611 over last fall of 3,481 based on census date September 11 data
- Annual increase in enrollment continues from a recent low of 3,067 in 2008
- Students from all 50 states, 86 nations with 318 international students
- ORU Quest (certificate, non-credit experiences, independent from enrollment numbers) initiated with a successful Cybersecurity seminar. Developing multiple certificate programs to launch in spring 2016

**REQUESTED RESPONSE:** Faculty members are asked to direct questions, ideas, or comments concerning ORU Quest to the office of Dr. Sergio Matviuk

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

- Based on feedback from international contacts, ORU's development of creative learning and research opportunities are essential to help students to solve global problems
- Academic Council protocols continue to be discussed
- Open curriculum items under review: (1) general education review, (2) student-engaged research, and (3) clarification of B.A. and B.S. degrees

5. **TOPIC:** Provost's Report—Provost

- Singapore alumni reconnecting; working with Singapore government to determine level of academic involvement—online programs will be offered initially
- China educational relationships under development to offer academic programs. ORU is now listed on the Chinese Registry for Receiving Chinese Students with first student coming in spring 2016. Proposal submitted for specialized programs with Chinese Leadership Institute to be offered at ORU in February 2016
- HLC Criterion Chairs recognized. Assurance report due to HLC in August 2016

**REQUESTED RESPONSE:** (1) Faculty members are asked to respond to requests for evidence from Criterion Committee members. (2) Faculty members are reminded to assess all required ePortfolio assignments to meet HLC assessment obligations. (3) Academic Council requested to submit a written report every month.

**ACTION:** Academic Council report received. Moved and Second; Vote to approve was unanimous with no one opposed or abstaining.

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6. **TOPIC:** General Education Review Update—Lori Kanitz

- Five faculty workshops scheduled to discuss baseline missional non-negotiable foundations. Topics are the same for all five workshops.

**REQUESTED RESPONSE:** (1) All faculty members are asked to sign up for one workshop.  
(2) Faculty members are reminded to assess general education review materials found in a dedicated D2L shell now available to all faculty.

7. **TOPIC:** Faculty Life Committee Update—Mark Hall and Jane Malcolm

- Organizing charter for committee provided and to be included in the Faculty and Administration Handbook. Charter addresses purpose, duties, membership selection process, and chair of committee

**ACTION:** Acceptance of charter moved and second. Vote to approve was unanimous with no one opposed or abstaining.

8. **TOPIC:** University Events—President

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Global Celebration Week, October 19-24, 2015
- Gala attendance anticipated at 1,000
- Board of Trustee Installation Dinner, Tuesday November 10; email invitation to all faculty members
- Wilson Christmas Faculty Reception on December 10
- Faculty members provided with 50<sup>th</sup> celebration pin to wear throughout the month of October

**REQUESTED RESPONSE:** (1) Faculty members are asked to reply by October 27 to invitation for the Installation Dinner.

9. **TOPIC:** Celebrating the Rich Tradition of ORU—President

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reflection from Marilyn Hickey as filmed by Dr. Even Culp

10. **TOPIC:** Meeting closed by the President

Respectfully submitted,

*Kenneth Weed*