

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
MINUTES**

**November 23, 2015 – 11:00 a.m., Trustees Dining Room**

**Attendees:** 143 full-time faculty members including the President and the Provost, 8 adjunct faculty, and 5 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 enable prosperous Christmas shopping” for randomly selected faculty members in attendance

2. **TOPIC:** Devotion—Larry Hart

Dr. Larry Hart presented a devotional on Isaiah 12 called “Songs of Thanksgiving” with a focus on the precious gift of water used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit and baptism

3. **TOPIC:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reflection—Terry Law (video presentation)

Dr. Terry Law presented reflections on “Thankfulness as Preparation” for service and life.

4. **TOPIC:** Academic Council Report (Summary of meeting minutes)—Provost

- College of Nursing accreditation visit resulted in a clean review in every area
- Rules of Order for Academic Council meetings were revised
- Sub-committee is working on a proposal to clarify the distinctions between a BS and BA degree

**ACTION:** Report accepted and seconded; accepted unanimously with no nays nor abstentions

5. **TOPIC:** President’s Report—President

- Faculty Prayer Support: [facultyprayer@oru.edu](mailto:facultyprayer@oru.edu). Email to this address will go to all members of the Faculty Life Committee for prayer. Alternatively, go to <http://faculty.oru.edu>, click on Spiritual Support, and click on Prayer Requests.
- China update
  - Bob Wang—celebration of evangelism with sharing of Bibles and the ABC’s of the story
  - Guest lectures at Beijing Foreign Studies University with potential for relationship
  - Met with CSC to discuss potential scholarships for Chinese students to study at ORU
  - Chinese Leadership Institute Conference scheduled for February 7-20, 2016 for leaders; more information at <http://oru.edu/clic>
- HLC Comprehensive Visit preparation scheduled for fall 2016; external accreditation reports are returning strong; good potential for macro picture with Adaptive Plan; need to focus on micro issues
- Board of Trustees Installation Ceremony: created a faculty/Trustees interaction event with a summary of responses compiled and distributed to all faculty
- Faculty Handbook: all submitted changes adopted by the Board of Trustees; handbook available on the Faculty and Staff Resources page or at <http://tinyurl.com/2015ORUHandbook>; changes reflect new governance system
- Celebration of faculty promotions
  - Assistant to Associate: Dr. Dwight Davidson; Dr. Angela Watson
  - Associate to Professor: Dr. Joel Gaikwad; Dr. Eric Newberg
  - Tenure: Dr. Elena Gregg; Dr. Marcia Livingston; Dr. Bill Buker
  - New Faculty member: Philip Nelson, Assistant Professor of Psychology

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President's Report (continued)

- New faculty position—Distinguished Professor; established by the Board of Trustees
  - First ORU Distinguished Professor: Dr. Wonsuk Ma to begin fall 2016

**REQUESTED RESPONSES:**

- Faculty members encouraged to submit prayer requests to [facultyprayer@oru.edu](mailto:facultyprayer@oru.edu)
  - Faculty members are asked to provide the HLC Criterion teams with support
  - Faculty members asked to review the Faculty and Administration Handbook for comments and suggested revisions in preparation for the April Board of Trustees meeting
6. **TOPIC:** ORU Position Paper on Human Sexuality and Gender—President with committee
- Board of Trustees requested that the UPC develop a paper on human sexuality and gender issues to address some doctrinal matters to supplement the statements in the ORU Bylaws
  - Paper developed through shared collaborative process including an inner-committee of UPC
  - Board of Trustees adopted the revised position paper
  - Paper distributed to all faculty and read in full by team in parts; Biblical witness: John Thompson; Theological section: Lanny Endicott; Whole Person Perspective: John Korstad; Institutional Commitments: Thomson Mathew

**REQUESTED RESPONSE:** Faculty members asked to not share the document with external community

7. **TOPIC:** Meeting closed by the President at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kenneth Weed*

**LIST OF ATTENDEES**  
**UNIVERSITY FACULTY**  
**November 23, 2015**

**Full-time Faculty**

Lois Ablin  
Robin Akbar  
Joann Allen  
Enrique Valderrama  
Ardith Baker  
Rafael Barreiro  
Richard Berumen  
Chancey Bosch  
Sonny Branham  
James Breckenridge  
Joyce Bridgman  
Christopher Brown  
Fleta Buckles  
Rachel Budavich  
William Buker  
David Burkus  
Lenore Butay  
Robert Canada  
Carlos Chale'  
Stephanie Coker  
William Collier  
Even Culp  
Walter Cyprowski  
James Davidson  
Linda Dunham  
David Dyson  
Cal Easterling  
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  
Linda Gray

M. Gregg  
Trevor Grizzle  
Joseph Guthrie  
Solomon Hailu  
Mark Hall  
Dominic Halsmer  
Larry Hart  
Harley Hatley  
Dana Higeons  
Laura Holland  
Jason Howell  
Fritz Huber  
Julie Huntley  
Cheryl Iverson  
Kenda Jezek  
Scarlet Jost  
Lori Kanitz  
Gary Kern  
Robert Kiel  
Jiwon Kim  
Catherine Klehm  
John Korstad  
Laura Krohn  
Mark Labash  
Gerald Landers  
Andrew Lang  
Barbara Law  
Robert Leland  
Ruby Libertus  
Evalynne Lindberg  
Xiao Fan Sophie Liu  
Marcia Livingston  
Leighanne Locke  
Xiaomin Ma  
Jane Malcolm  
Nancy Mankin  
Charlene Martin  
Rinne Martin  
Tom Mathew  
John Matsson  
Judith Mayton  
Kenneth Mayton  
Mary Miller  
Lenore Mullican  
Jim Myers

Eloy Nolivos  
Timothy Norton  
James Norwood  
Nathaneal Opp  
James B. Osborne  
John Otto  
Edward Pierce  
Rebecca Poore  
Gary Pranger  
Kenneth Preston  
Christie Putman  
Robert Quant  
William Ranahan  
Hal Reed  
Sandra Richardson  
Warren Rieger  
Mark Roberts  
Joe Ann Robinson  
Steven Rydin  
Angela Sample  
Courtney Sanders  
Kevin Schneider  
Terry Shannon  
James Shelton  
Sally Shelton  
Connie Sjoberg  
Debra Sowell  
Bob Steward  
John Swails  
Sherri Tapp  
Bruno Teles  
Daniel Thimell  
Audrey Thompson  
John Thompson  
Robert Thorpe  
George  
Thyvelikakath  
Rhesa Chene Tucker  
Terry Unruh  
Rachel Valentz  
Corinne VanArsdale  
Annette Villines  
Andrea Walker  
Mary Walker  
Daniel Ward

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

**Adjunct Faculty**

Garnet Baker  
Mandel Chenoweth  
David Connor  
Jayne Ann Harder  
Mark Lindberg  
Judi Nation  
Jeffrey Voth  
Edythe Wood