

ORU President Takes a Leave of Absence

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Amid allegations of financial mismanagement and sexual misconduct brought on by a lawsuit filed by three Oral Roberts University (ORU) professors, ORU President Richard Roberts announced Wednesday he had would step down for an indefinite amount of time, reported the *Tulsa World*. "Today, I have asked the Board of Regents of Oral Roberts University to grant me a temporary leave of absence until such time as these matters can be resolved," he said. "I have prayed about it and feel that it is in the best interest of my family and the university." Roberts noted that the allegations have greatly affected his family, citing specifically the "untrue allegations of sexual misconduct by my wife, [Lindsay]." Roberts said he would remain CEO of Oral Roberts Ministries and continue working on his television show, preaching, teaching and writing books, reported the *World*. "I pray and believe that in God's timing, and when the board feels that it is appropriate, I will be back at my post as president," he said. "Meanwhile, I will give myself afresh and anew to my family, and to prayer and the Word of God."

ORU Being Sued by Former Professors