

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**February 19, 2018    11:05 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.    GC 6 – Conference Room 7**

**1. TOPIC:** Opening

Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, Chair of the Academic Council, opened with prayer.

**2. TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meeting on January 22, 2018.

**DISCUSSION:** Minutes were sent to members via email. Dr. Lyons moved and Dr. Jezek seconded to approve the minutes. The Academic Council unanimously accepted the minutes.

**ACTION:** None.

**CLOSED**

**3. TOPIC:** Report about a proposed Student Learning Committee (subset/Ad-Hoc type committee) from the Institutional Improvement University Committee

**DISCUSSION:** None (as Dr. Sjoberg was at an HLC meeting)

**ACTION:** Dr. Sjoberg will give a report at the next meeting on 3/12/18.

**OPEN**

**4. TOPIC:** Report from the General Education Curriculum Committee

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Andy Lang presented the Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Courses (SIC) Exemptions for Programs Applying for Professional Accreditation. Exemptions were granted for the Biomedical Engineering, Public Relations and Advertising, and Convergence Journalism. Accordingly, these program will apply for professional accreditation at the next available opportunity. The following New Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Courses were approved:

- GEN 4XX Team-Taught:
  - GEN 415 – Science and Christian Philosophy
- GEN 3XX Single-Instructor:
  - GEN 333 – Science Travel Studies
  - GEN 314 – Waves and Music

**Vote:** Dr. Jezek moved, Dr. Jenkins seconded (**Y:18, N: 0, Abstain: 0**).

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

**5. TOPIC:** Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee findings for the policy for faculty and student phone numbers.

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Even Culp reported the suggested phrasing of the policy for faculty and student phone numbers. The suggested phrasing is as follows with the changes in italics:

“If faculty facilitate academic engagement and instructional activities with students via cell phone, they must use an ~~application~~ *mobile or web-based app* that assures privacy for students. Faculty must inform students that they have the right to opt out of this application or the right to withhold their phone numbers and other directory information completely. If students choose to withhold their phone numbers or opt out, they may request receiving the information via University email. See student record page for more information on opting out at the university directory level.”

Additional changes were recommended to the document that will be sent to all faculty outlining other considerations/information. “Group Me” should be written as “GroupMe.” For #10, “Self-destructing” should be changed to “non-permanent.”

A vote was taken to accept this suggested wording so that it can be brought back to the Board of Trustees at their April meeting.

**Vote:** No motion was requested, but a vote was taken (**Y:17, N: 0**).

**ACTION:** Dr. Culp will communicate with Mike Mathews to see if emails can be sent as texts to students. Dr. Culp will report his findings at the next Academic Council meeting.

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6. **TOPIC:** Discussion of GO courses from the Office of Global Service – Dr. Kevin Schneider (representing GO Course Ad Hoc Committee)

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** Dr. Schneider will present the two proposed GO courses for a vote at the next Academic Council meeting.

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7. **TOPIC:** Faculty Emeritus – policy discussion.

**DISCUSSION:** The policy for Faculty Emeritus designation was discussed.

**ACTION:** By 3/5/18, Dr. Roberts and his staff will conduct research regarding how other institutions grant Faculty Emeritus title. Subsequently, Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez will work with the College Deans and Dr. Roberts to review the research. At the next Academic Council meeting, one of the Deans will present their findings and a vote will be taken.

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The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Nelson, Academic Council Secretary