

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**March 12, 2018    11:01 a.m. – 11:57 a.m.    GC 3116**

**1. TOPIC:** Opening

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

**2. TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meeting on February 19, 2018.

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

**ACTION:** None.

**CLOSED**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Sjoberg reported that the IIUC has met to review the Student Satisfaction Surveys. Representatives from the SLC are also on the IIUC which includes but is not limited to Department Chairs and College Deans. A motion was made to approve that the Student Learning Committee be added into the Faculty Handbook and that Dr. Sjoberg fix the rotation issue (i.e., different colleges consistently rotating on and off according to a fixed schedule), making it clear that a member from the SLC is also on the IIUC.

**Vote:** Dr. Boyd motioned, Dr. Bosch seconded (**Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**)

**ACTION:** Before the next Academic Council meeting (4/16/18) Dr. Sjoberg will add the Student Learning Committee to the Faculty Handbook and will include a rotation schedule for members rotating on and off. Additionally, a list of current SLC and IIUC members will be brought to the next Academic Council meeting.

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**4. TOPIC:** Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee findings for the policy for faculty and student phone numbers - specifically the feasibility of emails being sent as texts

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Culp met with Mike Matthews who explained that sending emails via text would not be possible at this time.

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Weed reported that students who are in their final year and transfer to the new degree plan sheet do not currently have any GO-courses available for registration.

**ACTION:** Dr. Reid-Martinez will ask the Registrar to make exceptions to the GO-course requirement for transfer students graduating in Spring 2019. Dr. Schneider will present the two proposed GO courses from Dr. Catts and Dr. Easterling for a vote at the next Academic Council meeting.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Reid-Martinez requested that a vote for Faculty Emeriti recommendation be taken before the Board of Trustees meet in April. The process of ranking and giving approval, non-approval, or abstention, was discussed. The Academic Council voted unanimously to send the recommendations for Faculty Emeriti status to the President and the Board of Trustees for final approval.

**Vote:** Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0

**ACTION:** The College Deans and Dr. Reid-Martinez will continue to gather more information about Faculty Emeriti recommendations and resources among other universities before 4/16/18. Additionally, information on various Emeriti designations (i.e., Faculty, Dean, Vice-President, etc.) will be researched and, if needed, sent out for an electronic vote for inclusion into the Faculty Handbook for the April Board of Trustees' meeting. Furthermore, it is requested that the Academic Affairs Committee on the Board of Trustees give criteria for how to rank or assess Emeriti status. Lastly, Dr. Reid-Martinez will request the colleges provide for the president and Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees a one paragraph summary of accomplishments of professors seeking Faculty Emeritus status.

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The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Nelson, Academic Council Secretary