

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

April 16, 2018 11:03 a.m. – 12:04 p.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 March 12, 2018.

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

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. TOPIC: Report and possible discussion on the list of current members of the Student Learning Committee (SLC) and the Institutional Improvement University Committee (IIUC)

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: The SLC and IIUC committees will be added to the Faculty Handbook as approved by the Academic Council and will be sent to the Board of Trustees this month.

CLOSED

4. TOPIC: Discussion and vote on five proposed GO courses (three from Theology, one from Nursing, one from Sociology) from the Office of Global Service

DISCUSSION: Dr. Kevin Schneider presented the five proposed GO Courses (already approved by the GO Course subcommittee) to the Academic Council for a vote. It was discussed, recommended, and voted on (**Vote: Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**) that the procedure for approving new GO courses first go through: (1) Program Chair as a Curriculum Proposal, (2) Deans, (3) Academic Council GO Course Subcommittee, (4) Academic Council, (5) Provost, and (6) Registrar. This procedure will be followed for all new GO Courses with the exception of the following five GO Courses that were voted on and approved today and serve as part of a beta process to help determine the best way to process the GO courses:

- SOC 101 - Dr. Livingston motioned, Dr. Roberts seconded.
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- NUR 403 – Dr. Catts motioned, Dr. Jezek seconded
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- CHRM 395 – Dr. Weed motioned, Dr. Lyons seconded
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- CHRM 398 – Dr. Livingston motioned, Dr. Lyons seconded
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- CHRM 397 – Dr. Livingston moved, Dr. Lyons seconded

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

ACTION: Dr. Schneider will check with the Registrar to make sure that all approved GO courses are marked with the GO designation in the Catalog.

CLOSED

5. **TOPIC:** Report from the General Education Curriculum Committee regarding a vote on the following approved Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Courses (SIC): GEN 999 (SIC Elective), GEN 342/HUM 342 (Europe Today), and GEN 375/BUS 375 (Healing Teams – A Global Training Course).

DISCUSSION: Dr. Andy Lang presented three SIC courses for approval. For clarification, GEN 999 (1-9 credit hours) is a course that can be transferred to apply to an ORU Scaffolded Interdisciplinary General Education Course (more than one course can be transferred under this number).

- GEN 999 – SIC Elective
 - Dr. Russell motioned, Dr. Thorpe seconded.
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- GEN 3XX (Single Instructor)
 - GEN 375 / BUS 375 – Healing Teams: A Global Training Course
 - GEN 342 / HUM 342 – Europe Today
 - Dr. Weed motioned, Dr. Lyons seconded
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**

ACTION: None

CLOSED

6. **TOPIC:** Higher Education – University Planning Committee (UPC)

DISCUSSION: Dr. Reid-Martinez reported that the University Planning Committee's agenda included discussion of the future of education. One of the questions the UPC asked was, "where will we need to be in the future." Out of the assignments, two were related to academics. The questions that must be answered are (1) the future of faculty and what that looks like (Dr. Huntley was assigned this question) and (2) the future of curriculum, pedagogy, and the educational enterprise (Dr. Reid-Martinez and Dr. Weed were co-assigned this question). A list of faculty recommendations for this assignment were gathered for consideration so that the research can be completed by September 2018.

ACTION: Faculty recommendations will be given to Dr. Reid-Martinez for consideration to assist with this research.

CLOSED

7. Announcements

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Nelson, Academic Council Secretary