

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 17, 2017 11:05-11:59 a.m., GC 3112

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, Chair of the Academic Council opened with a word of appreciation for Christ's resurrection. Dr. Jernigan obliged her request to open in prayer. There were no prayer requests.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2017

DISCUSSION: Minutes were sent to members via email. Dr. Burkus moved and Dr. Synan seconded to approve. Discussion of minutes was to clarify a motion on page 2, line 7-8. The full sentence is to read that Dr. Synan motioned to send the proposal to the University Faculty. This change was accepted as a friendly amendment. The Academic Council unanimously accepted the minutes as amended.

ACTION: Prof. Van Arsdale will make amendment in minutes as approved.

3. **TOPIC:** Report on General Education Curriculum Proposal on language changes

DISCUSSION: Dr. Andrew Lang, Chair of the GEC brought forth proposal (#1 attached) from April 12, 2017, meeting of GEC, which unanimously passed a revision of language, though not the intent, of a section in the original GEC proposal. (need copy of this and requested from Dr. Lang.) New wording was discussed with recommended amendments to locate the changes as part of the proposed policy instead of in a clarification footnote. It was moved by Dr. Synan and seconded by Dr. Jezek to forward language clarification with amendments to the University Faculty.. The vote was unanimous.

ACTION: Dr. Reid-Martinez will inform the University Life Committee of the decision so that committee can determine whether or not to include the change in the faculty agenda. The provost, also, will include the change in her report to the University Faculty at their next meeting.

4. **TOPIC:** Report on General Education Ad Hoc Committee on 120 min. credit hours for graduation.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Andrew Lang, Chair of the GEC reported from the GEC Ad hoc committee data for the Academic Council on other CCCU Schools and local universities. The proposal was brought forward (#2 attached). A letter was read by Dr. Reid-Martinez from Dr. Wilson requesting that this proposal acceptance and forwarding to University Faculty be delayed until Fall 2017 to allow more time for thought and deliberation. After some discussion of pros and cons of this request, Dr. Lang moved and Dr. Burkus seconded that a vote on this proposal be tabled until early fall meetings to allow the information to be disseminated and discussed over the summer and early fall in the colleges. The motion was approved unanimously. Special thanks from Dr. Reid-Martinez and the Academic Council was extended in recognition of the significant

work of the GEC and the Ad Hoc committees in the development of the original proposals for the revised General Education program and their work on gathering data related to the 120 minimum credit requirement discussion.

ACTION: Academic Counsel Members are to disseminate information of the 120 minimum credit requirement to their college colleagues. Dr. Lang will forward the PowerPoint to members for use in their college discussions. This item will be brought forth in August or September meetings again for consideration and vote in Academic Council.

5. **TOPIC:** New Business:

DISCUSSION: Dr. John Jenkins raised a question regarding withholding registration privileges until students attend advisement. He related significant issue of concern that students are off their degree plans and at risk for not graduating on time because they do not come for advisement.

ACTION: Dr. Reid-Martinez will discuss this concern with the academic deans this summer.

6. **TOPIC:** Announcements.

ACTION: No announcements were made.

7. **TOPIC:** Celebration for Dr. Jernigan

DISCUSSION: Dr. Reid-Martinez read a proclamation dated April 17, 2017 honoring Dr. William Jernigan for 52 years of outstanding service to ORU in many capacities, with special emphasis upon his academic contributions. Dr. Jernigan received a standing ovation and gave a heartfelt response of thanks and praise to the Lord. A copy of the proclamation will be provided to Dr. Jernigan and, also, attached to these minutes.

ACTION: All present were invited to come and congratulate Dr. Jernigan and enjoy refreshments.

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Catts
Member of Academic Council

Proclamation Honoring
Dr. William W. Jernigan
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Dr. William W. Jernigan, Dean of the Oral Roberts University Library, will retire in May 2017, after fifty-two years of outstanding and meritorious service to the Library and the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jernigan accepts Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and lives a Holy- Spirit-empowered life; and

WHEREAS, after earning degrees from Trevecca Nazarene College (B.A.), Nazarene Seminary (B.D.), George Peabody College (M.A.), and the University of Tulsa (Ed.D.), Dr. Jernigan began his career with ORU as Director of Libraries in 1965; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to various other positions, including Director of International Programs, Dean of Instruction, Dean of University Library, Vice President of learning Resources, and Vice President of Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has served students, faculty, and administration with dedication, fairness, and a willingness to provide excellent service to all, earning him the respect and admiration of the Oral Roberts University community; and

WHEREAS, his positive influence extends beyond the institution he serves to the larger Christian community, bringing good will and benefits to ORU, and consequently, he will be missed by all: Therefore be it

PROCLAIMED that the Academic Council of Oral Roberts University recognizes that Dr. William W. Jernigan deserves commendation for the manner in which he has performed his duties as a member of the ORU faculty and administration, with special thanks for his professionalism, dedication to service, and kindness to the members of the community. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Secretary of the Academic Council cause this Proclamation to be engrossed so that it can be presented to Dr. Jernigan as an expression of the Council's appreciation for his dedicated service.

Adopted this seventeenth day of April, 2017

Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, Ph.D., Provost

Proposal # 1, GEC Proposal

Section of whole proposal as approved below in red.

Upper Division Interdisciplinary General Education

(12 hours: COMP 303 + 3 three-hour interdisciplinary courses)**

Majors that do not have curriculum restrictions imposed by external accrediting or licensing bodies will also include COMP 303 and 9 hours of interdisciplinary general education courses. The goal of these courses is not content knowledge but to teach higher level outcomes and proficiencies, e.g. critical thinking, ethical behavior, information literacy through an interdisciplinary structure.

Professionally accredited or licensure pursuing programs can request to be fully or partially exempted from the Upper Division General Education requirements. Requests for exemption must be submitted for approval to the General Education Committee and the Academic Council. If professional accreditation and/or licensure requirements significantly change for a program granted an exemption, that program shall inform both the General Education Committee and the Academic Council and shall either: a) request approval for an affirmation or revision of their exemption from these governing bodies (if appropriately justified), or b) acknowledge the exemption is no longer justified. The Academic Council's determination (after receiving the General Education Committee's recommendation) regarding any exemption, affirmation, or revision request shall thereafter become effective.

****Initially, COB, COE, CON, Engineering, Social Work, and Music Programs have submitted requests and have been granted full exemptions.**

Proposal #2 GEC, Ad hoc committee, Minimum 120 Hours

Current Language 2016-2017 Catalog:

Pg.29 "The standard number of semester hours needed to receive an undergraduate degree is 128; however, some degrees require more hours, as specified in the department sections of this catalog."

Pg.31 "The minimum number of credits required for an undergraduate degree is 128 semester hours. Students should refer to the department and college sections for information regarding the number of hours and the specific requirements for completing degrees."

Pg.34 "The minimum number of credits required for an undergraduate degree is 128 semester hours. Online degree programs beginning with the 2016-17 catalog require a minimum of 120 semester hours. The Anna Vaughn College of Nursing has also be approved to work towards a degree program requiring a minimum of 120 semester credit hours. More information is available in the college and departmental sections of this Catalog."

Proposed New Language:

Pg.29 "The **minimum** number of semester hours needed to receive an undergraduate degree is **120**; however, some degrees require more hours, as specified in the department sections of this catalog."

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