

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**October 22, 2018    11:02 a.m. – 12:10 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 September 17, 2018.

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

**ACTION:** None.

**CLOSED**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Schneider presented the following GO-course: “BUS/GEN 375 – Healing Teams: A Global Training Course” to vote on for approval. Dr. Livingston was concerned how transformation was to be measured amongst all GO-courses. As such, Dr. Reid-Martinez recommended that Dr. Schneider meet with the Ad-Hoc GO-course group and choose a diverse representation from Academic Council to clarify the definition of transformative and how it is assessed in the rubric for all GO-courses.

Dr. Livingston moved, Dr. Roberts seconded.

**Vote: Y: 14, N: 0, Abstain: 0**

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

**4. TOPIC:** Leadership capacity and “Socially Adept” proficiency - Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

**DISCUSSION:** Leadership capacity and socially adept will be discussed, if needed, following the November Board meeting.

**ACTION:** None

**OPEN**

**5. TOPIC:** Letter in support of the Vision for leadership and excellence in teaching - Dr. Bill Lyons

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Lyons received Academic Council feedback the letter that Dr. Sjoberg and he drafted. Dr. Roberts, supported by the Provost, agreed to edit the letter will provide Academic Council members an edited version of the letter. The goal is to be approximately one paragraph in length that emphasizes excellence in teaching.

**ACTION:** Academic Council members will receive an electronic copy for review.  
**CLOSED**

6. **TOPIC:** Programs unique to ORU and related pedagogy and University Planning Committee:  
Impact 2030 work groups –Drs. Huntley and Weed  
**DISCUSSION:** Faculty received a report on the UPC. Dr. Huntley reported that one of the important emphases in the White Papers from the UPC centered on the shifting roles of faculty by 2030. She noted that each college discipline faced a need to review this within each of the disciplines. Dr. Weed reported on the White Paper related to curriculum and pedagogy. The paper emphasized the continued need for Whole Person Education and the pedagogy section included recommendations for problem- and project-based learning, as well as more interdisciplinary study.  
**ACTION:** None  
**CLOSED**
7. **TOPIC:** Virtual space for faculty to share good practices for experiential engagement of students and cognitive learning in the classroom - Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez  
**DISCUSSION:** If needed, this topic will be addressed at a later date following the Board of Trustees meeting in November.  
**ACTION:** None  
**CLOSED**
8. **TOPIC:** Announcements  
**DISCUSSION:** No announcements were made.  
**ACTION:** None  
**CLOSED**

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Nelson, Academic Council Secretary