

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

October 24, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 11:14 p.m., GC 3112

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, chair of the Academic Council, and Council members participated in prayer for peace, healing and hope for the faculty and students. Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez shared on being in alignment with the Holy Spirit and to have shelter in the arms of God.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of meeting on September 19, 2016

Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting and available in hard copy. Dr. Synan moved for acceptance of the minutes. Dr. Weed seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with one correction. The correction was to change the start time of the ORU Revival on Wednesday, October 26th from noon to 11:00 a.m., beginning of chapel.

3. **TOPIC:** Definition of Intercultural Experience

DISCUSSION: Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez reported that the definition of Intercultural Experience was approved by the University Faculty.

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

4. **TOPIC:** Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit

DISCUSSION: Dr. Sjoberg reported that the schedules are set for the HLC visit. The HLC requested Focus meetings on the budget planning, assessment and governance. All faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in the Open Forums that will be held in the Trustees' Dining Room on the 6th floor.

The schedules of the Open Forums on Monday, October 31st are as follows:

Mission and Vision at 10:45 a.m.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment at 2:00 p.m.

Resources, planning and Effectiveness at 3:15 p.m.

ACTION: Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez shared for faculty to conduct Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 1st as normal during the HLC visit. Wendi Brasuell-Fisher reported that online representatives will be joining via Zoom for the HLC.

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5. **TOPIC:** New Business

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

6. **TOPTC:** Announcements

- Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez reported that ORU Campus Revival is Wednesday, October 26th starting at 11:00 am through Thursday, October 27th at noon. Classes will be dismissed during that time period. Faculty is asked to talk with their Deans on any difficult situations regarding class dismissal.
- Dr. Sjoberg reported that the General Education Curriculum email received today by Faculty needs to be deleted. It was an email hack. There is no General Education Curriculum meeting scheduled for October 31st during the HLC visit.

7. **TOPIC:** Adjournment

The Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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