

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

November 19, 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 October 22, 2018.

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

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. TOPIC: Report from the General Education Curriculum Committee – Dr. Andrew Lang

DISCUSSION: Dr. Lang presented multiple proposals from the General Education Curriculum Committee for a vote by Academic Council:

1) Professional Accreditation Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Course (SIC) Exemption

- “To exempt the following programs from 12 hours of SIC in order for them to pursue ABET accreditation at the next opportunity (Fall 2020): CIT - Computer Information Technology & CSC - Computer Science. Note: both programs plan to continue to include COMP 303 as part of their programs to help meet accreditation standards.”
- Dr. Leland moved, Dr. Wiley seconded.
- **Vote:** Y: 16, N: 0, Abstain: 0

2) New SIC Course – GEN 304: Health Psychology

- Dr. Lang reported that GEN 304 is cross-listed with PSY 304. As such, this course cannot give preference of enrollment to Psychology majors and, if prerequisites are required, they must be General Education prerequisite courses. The current prerequisite for this course is PSY 201, a Social Science (General Education) elective.
- Dr. Leland motioned, Dr. Roberts seconded.
- **Vote:** Y: 16, N: 0, Abstain: 0

3) Informational (no vote needed): GEN 456 (Biomedical Ethics) has been renumbered to GEN 356 (Biomedical Ethics) to meet internal numbering guidelines for Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Courses.

4) Informational: All proposed changes to the General Education Outcomes, Proficiencies, and Master Assessment Rubric lines must go through the General Education Curriculum Committee for approval.

ACTION: At the next Academic Council meeting on 1/14/19, Dr. Weed will present a definition and explanation of the concept of “tracks” for academic majors specifically concerning Pre-Medicine/Pre-Health Professions and, afterward, Dr. Lang will lead a discussion concerning SIC reduction for “tracks” from the General Education Curriculum Committee.

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4. **TOPIC:** Report from the Deans’ Council regarding a proposal to change Course Withdrawal Policy as listed in the Catalog – Dr. Kenneth Weed

DISCUSSION: Dr. Weed presented a change in the Catalog regarding the Course Withdrawal Policy, with the new wording stating that “petitions will be accepted prior to the end of the 13th week of a semester-long course or an equivalent period of time for course offerings of differing length.” A vote was requested. Dr. Jezek moved, Dr. Boyd seconded:

Vote: Y: 16, N: 0, Abstain: 0

ACTION: None

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

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: If needed, this discussion will be brought back following further discussions with the University Planning Committee and University Faculty.

CLOSED

6. **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