

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**February 18, 2019    11:02 a.m. – 11:58 a.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 November 19, 2018.

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

**ACTION:** None.

**CLOSED**

**3. TOPIC:** Presentation of GO-course, PED 125 (Pre-Clinical Experience), for a vote – Dr. Kevin Schneider

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Schneider presented a new GO-Course, PED 125 – Pre-Clinical Experience for approval by Academic Council. Dr. Livingston moved, Dr. Weed seconded.

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

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

**4. TOPIC:** Update on “Transformative Experience” from the GO Committee – Dr. Marcia Livingston & Dr. Samuel Thorpe

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Livingston and Dr. Thorpe updated the Academic Council on the definition of a “transformative experience.” Their discussion focused on how students can engage in meaningful ways with other cultures. Initially Dr. Thorpe’s 1-credit hour course (CHRM 395) only had an interview assignment as the “transformative experience” but this has been changed to add a reflective component which includes how students feel about other cultures and how they have changed their perspectives.

**ACTION:** The GO Committee will continue to report back to the Academic Council meeting as further discussions arise related to the “transformative experience.”

**CLOSED**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Lang reported on the General Education Committee’s approvals and asked for a vote from the Academic Council:

- New Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Course (SIC): GEN 401 – Communication Ethics
  - Dr. Kelley moved, Dr. Leland seconded

- **Vote:** Y: 14, N: 0, Abstain: 0
- Requesting standard 12-hour SIC exemption for programs seeking external accreditation
  - 1) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Media Production seeking external accreditation from ACEJMC
    - Dr. Gary moved, Dr. Livingston seconded
    - **Vote:** Y: 14, N: 0, Abstain: 0
  - 2) Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Cinema/Television/Digital Media seeking external accreditation from NASAD
    - **Vote:** Y: 14, N: 0, Abstain: 0

Dr. Lang reported that the General Education Committee conducts “periodic reviews” of all SIC-exempted programs (those currently accredited and those pursuing external accreditation), but a definitive timeline has not been set for when or how often this will occur.

**ACTION:** The Provost requested that Dr. Lang ask the General Education Committee to review the “periodic review” timeline of SIC-exempted programs who are accredited or have applied for external accreditation. At the next Academic Council meeting, Dr. Lang will report on the definitive review process to assure that progress is being made towards external accreditation (good faith and good effort towards external accreditation).

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6. **TOPIC:** Discussion of definition and explanation of “Tracks” specifically concerning Pre-Medicine/Pre-Health Professions – Dr. Kenneth Weed

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Weed reported that, after discussion with the Registrar, Pre-Med and Pre-Health will pursue a Certificate and not a “track.” A Certificate can be added to any professional degree. Both Certificates are granted a SIC reduction while retaining COMP 303 as a requirement. There will be a secondary application to apply for a Certificate program which will allow students to have specialized advising under the Certificate program. These two Certificates can be updated based on possible future shifting requirements of medical and other graduate health degrees. If a student does not complete a Certificate, he/she would be able to graduate granted all other degree requirements have been completed.

**ACTION:** Dr. Weed, Dr. Reid-Martinez, and the other Academic Deans will discuss the Certificate program for Pre-Med and Pre-Health during the Deans’ Council on 2/19/19. Dr. Nelson will work with Dr. Weed to create a summary sheet of the Certificate programs to provide faculty with a better understanding of its use and application. At the next Academic Council meeting, a vote will be taken on the Pre-Med and Pre-Health Certificate after it has been discussed amongst the various Colleges.

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7. **TOPIC:** Announcements

**DISCUSSION:** No announcements were made.

**ACTION:** None  
**CLOSED**

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Nelson, Academic Council Secretary