

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**April 15, 2019    11:04 a.m. – 12:34 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 March 11, 2019.

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

**ACTION:** None.

**CLOSED**

**3. TOPIC:** GO Course Committee Management – Dr. Kevin Schneider

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Schneider gave an update on the GO Course Committee Management. Dr. Schneider will be moved out of the office of Global Services (disbanded as of May 1, 2019) as he transitions into his new role as Director of the Stovall Center for Entrepreneurship. As such, the GO Course Committee will have to be processed by another group. The GO Course Management Committee has already created the definitions and processes of approving a GO Course (i.e., standards and classifications as established from an existing rubric). While the Course is not approved by the General Education Committee before being sent to the Academic Council, it fulfills a General Education requirement of all students. Therefore, the Academic Council took a vote (**Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0**) approving that the General Education Committee will be responsible for approving all new GO courses. After the General Education Committee approves a GO course, it will then be voted on by Academic Council and sent to the University Faculty Meeting for an all-faculty vote.

**ACTION:** The Registrar's office will add all approved GO courses to the Catalog and update it annually, which includes a listing of all pre-requisites which may be needed for select GO courses.

**CLOSED**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Lang presented information related to the periodic review timeline for SIC-exempted programs seeking external accreditation and those currently externally accredited. (include information from Dr. Lang's document). The General Education Curriculum Committee is in favor of the biennial review. Due to continued refinement of this process, the biennial review process was tabled until the Fall Academic Council meeting.

Additionally, GEN 365/BIB 365 (Introduction to the Parables of Jesus) was presented for a vote. Dr. Roberts moved, Dr. Livingston seconded. **Vote: (Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0).**

Lastly, Dr. Lang discussed the Honors courses (HONR) being counted as Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Courses (SIC). The Registrar's office reported that it would not be a problem to count HONR as SIC. A vote was requested to approve this. Dr. Leland moved, Dr. Wiley seconded. **Vote: (Y: 17, N: 0, Abstain: 0).**

**ACTION:** Dr. Lang and Dr. Sjoberg will continue working on the biennial review process in order to streamline the information requested from accredited programs. Additionally, Dr. Sjoberg will create a clickable form regarding the status/progress of accreditation that will be sent out annually. A vote during the Fall Academic Council will be taken regarding the biennial review process. Additionally, Dr. Reid-Martinez requested that Dr. Weed will take the HONR courses back to the Committee to renumber and sequence them accordingly (e.g., change it from the current 100/200/300/400 level sequenced courses to higher level courses, still sequenced).

**OPEN**

5. **TOPIC:** Pre-Medicine/Pre-Health Professions Track (friendly amendment for Certificate Program withdrawn).

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Weed reported that in the last COSE meeting, COSE faculty preferred "track" instead of "certificate," but that further research in the Fall regarding a better definition of "track" would need to be done. Dr. Reid-Martinez requested that before a vote is taken, she would like Dr. Reed, Dr. Weed, and others in COSE to research what the preference is for medical schools. Lastly, Dr. Weed requested to retract the entire motion until further evidence can be found for the preference of medical schools.

**ACTION:** Dr. Reed, Dr. Weed, and other COSE faculty will research and reconsider the best way to advise Pre-Medicine students based on the preference of medical schools (i.e., track, certificate or other). After evidence is gathered, a request will be made to include this topic during Academic Council.

**CLOSED**

6. **TOPIC:** AA Degree

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Reid-Martinez discussed the possibility of including an Associate's (AA) degree at ORU and desired feedback from Academic Council members.

**ACTION:** The Registrar will research how other institutions handle an AA degree as well as granting an AA degree after a student has left ORU. Dr. Sjoberg will research the impact on a bachelor's degree if ORU were to start offering AA degrees.

**OPEN**

7. **TOPIC:** Announcements

**DISCUSSION:** No announcements were made.

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Nelson, Academic Council Secretary