

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

October 21, 2019 – 11:07 a.m. to 12:02 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 23, 2019.

DISCUSSION: Minutes were sent to members via email. Dr. Kelley moved and Dr. Roberts seconded to approve the Minutes. Dr. Watson proposed that we strike “does not have any pre-requisites” to the pre-requisite requirement from the Minutes. The Academic Council unanimously accepted the Minutes with the recommended change from Dr. Watson.

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. **TOPIC:** AA Degree Update – Dr. Reid-Martinez

DISCUSSION: Dr. Reid-Martinez updated the Academic Council on the status of the AA degree. Dr. Reid-Martinez continued discussion of one of the key reasons for the AA degree related to persistence and graduation rates. Student persistence is a key initiative for the university, and she reminded the Academic Council to have students fill out a petition if they are leaving ORU so that more data related to explanations for leaving can be gathered.

ACTION: Dr. Weed and Dr. Sjoberg will construct a diagram of what has been done and what improvements ORU faculty and the Student Success office can achieve related to advisement and retention improvements. Colleges may bring the AA degree back if there is interest in this, otherwise it will remain closed as a discussion item until then.

CLOSED

4. **TOPIC:** Faculty Emeriti

DISCUSSION: A silent vote was taken for all prospective Faculty Emeriti.

ACTION: The votes will be given to Dr. Reid-Martinez to continue the process for the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

5. **TOPIC:** Announcements

DISCUSSION: No announcements were made.

ACTION: None

CLOSED

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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