

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

September 21, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:38 p.m., GC 3116

1. **TOPIC:** Opening
2. **TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meetings on August 17, 2020.

DISCUSSION: Minutes were sent to members via email. There was a motion by Dr. Jezek to approve the Minutes and it was seconded by Dr. Foster. The Academic Council unanimously accepted the Minutes.

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. **TOPIC:** Update on ALEKS-PPL (math placement) – Dr. JayneAnn Harder

DISCUSSION: Dr. JayneAnn Harder gave an update on why ALEKS-PPL (Assessment and Learning and Knowledge Spaces) should be adopted. She shared that a failure to pass the general education mathematics courses is a leading cause of college student dropouts and gave additional insight into how ALEKS-PPL can help improve pass rates for these courses. She shared that students who have taken the assessment improved their grades. Information on the assessment can be found at: www.oru.edu/academics/cose/computing-and-mathematics/aleks.php. If students have not taken a math test before at ORU, they must take the ALEKS-PPL placement test on October 6 at 10:30 a.m. in Zoppelt. The untimed exam usually takes approximately 1 ½ hours.

All incoming freshmen will receive an email on the ALEKS-PPL process before they attend ORU and are encouraged, but are not required, to complete the exam over the summer. Students will access the following website to take the placement exam: www.aleksppl.oru.edu. All ORU department chairs have information related to the ALEKS-PPL which includes information for advising purposes. Dr. Lang reports that current Calculus students who have gone through the ALEKS-PPL process are more prepared. ALEKS-PPL will be a part of the required course materials so no additional fees will be required at the time of application. The Academic Council encouraged Dr. Harder and other team members to continue taking steps toward making ALEKS-PPL accessible to students who do not have computers and to our virtual students.

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

4. **TOPIC:** Updates from the General Education Committee – Dr. Andrew Lang
 - a. ORU Associate's Degrees:

- i. Associate's Degree Template & Policies. [Proposal: ORU-2020-02]
 - ii. Associate of Arts in General Studies [Proposal: CACS-2020-001 – Online & Residential]
 - iii. Associate of Arts in Ministry – Dr. Christopher Foster
- b. PED 131 as a GO course. [Proposal: COE-F20-1]
- c. GEN 318 – Global Leadership as an SIC course. [Proposal: COTM-2020-33]
- d. Change to the description of Mystery of Sound. [Proposal: COSE 2020-48A]

DISCUSSION:

- a. Associate's Degree Template & Policies

Dr. Lang proposed a template for the general education requirements for an Associate's of Arts Degree. Some members of the Academic Council discussed a desire to review research from the White Paper and any other research ORU has related to the feasibility of an AA degree. Dr. Jay Gary reported that he led the group conducting research on the topic and submitted a PowerPoint to the Provost. The Provost has requested the White Paper from Dr. Gary to further evaluate the content. The Academic Council voted to request the Colleges to continue their discussions on the AA Degree and to provide any feedback on the template. Professor Osborne motioned, Dr. Bohatec seconded. **Vote: Y: 10, N: 1, Abstain: 3.**

ACTION: Each College was requested to continue discussions on the AA Degree.
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- b. PED 131 as a GO course. [Proposal: COE-F20-1]
Academic Council approved PED 125 to be transferred to PED 131.
Professor Osborne motioned, Dr. Ellis seconded – **Vote: Y: 14, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
 - c. GEN 318 – Global Leadership as a SIC course. [Proposal: COTM-2020-33]
Academic Council approved Gen 318 as a SIC course.
Professor Osborne motioned, Dr. Foster seconded – **Vote: Y: 14, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
 - d. Change to the description of Mystery of Sound. [Proposal: COSE 2020-48A]
Academic Council approved a description change for the Mystery of Sound course.
Professor Osborne motioned, Dr. Foster seconded – **Vote: Y: 14, N: 0, Abstain: 0**

- 5. **TOPIC:** Update from the Registrar's Office – Dr. Connie Sjoberg

DISCUSSION: All 2021-22 Curriculum Change Proposals (CCPs) are due to the Provost by October 16.

ACTION: None

CLOSED

6. **TOPIC:** Announcements

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

CLOSED

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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