

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2021
11:04 a.m. to 12:27 p.m.
GC 3114

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meeting on April 12, 2021.

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

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. **TOPIC:** Updates from the General Education Committee – Dr. Andrew Lang

- To allow the following courses to count for the General Education foreign language requirement:

1. BIB 251: Biblical Greek I, BIB 252: Biblical Greek II

or

2. BIB 311: Biblical Hebrew I, BIB 312 Biblical Hebrew II

DISCUSSION: Dr. Lang shared that the General Education Committee discussed recommending that Modern Languages include Classical languages by incorporating BIB 251: Biblical Greek I, BIB 252: Biblical Greek II and BIB 311: Biblical Hebrew I, BIB 312 Biblical Hebrew II. Classical languages, however, would not be considered a GO course.

During the discussion, Dr. Reid-Martinez and Dr. Weed recommended some ideas the Academic Council need to consider before moving for a vote on incorporating Classical languages into the Modern Language requirement. First, the original purpose for Modern Languages as a General Education requirement should be outlined by the committee. Second, research on the contribution Classical languages could have on ORU's globalization impact is needed (e.g., how would adding Classical languages help students "go into every person's world"). Lastly, making this change needs to be evaluated from a program review, national trend, enrollment and marketing perspective.

A motion was made to postpone the vote on the above courses until the next Academic Council meeting. Dr. Roberts moved; Dr. Gary seconded.

Vote: Yay: All, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

ACTION: Dr. Foster, Dr. Weed and other faculty teaching modern and classical languages will research and provide a report to the Academic Council on the impact of adding Classical languages as an option in the General Education language requirement. Furthermore, College Deans will introduce this information at their next College meeting in October.

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4. **TOPIC:** Updates from the Registrar's Office - Dr. Connie Sjoberg

DISCUSSION: Dr. Sjoberg shared the following updates:

- Midterm Grades – Due Tuesday, October 12th @ 11:59pm in Vision
- Group Advisement Meetings – Monday, October 18th @ 12:00pm
- Spring & Summer 2022 Enrollment Week – October 25th -29th
- Preparations for 2022-23 Academic Year!
 - Approved 2022-23 CCPS due to Provost, Friday, October 22nd
 - Academic Catalog updates
 - Banner revisions
 - DegreeWorks scripting

ACTION: None

CLOSED

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary