

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

October 18, 2021

11:04 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

GC 3116

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meeting on September 20, 2021.

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

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

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

a. COSE-2021-15: Eliminate Swim Proficiency

Discussion concerned the reasoning for and history of Swim Proficiency as a graduation requirement. A recommendation was made to consider revising the Swim Proficiency into Personal Water Safety Awareness as a graduation requirement. Changing from a “requirement” to “training” may help focus on educating students by providing experiential learning instead of creating obstacles to graduation. The Academic Council gave unanimous support for this recommendation and the provost is asking that this be brought back to the Academic Council with additional information before it is sent to the colleges.

b. COSE-2021-16: Boxing and Fitness

A vote was taken on including Boxing and Fitness as an HPE activity course. Dr. Ellis moved, Dr. Freudenrich seconded.

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

c. COSE-2021-21: MAT 232 Revise Course Description

Dr. Lang reported that the proposed changes to the MAT 232 Course Description reflect content adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents Course Equivalency Project as well as feedback from ORU faculty. Dr. Weed moved, Dr. Ellis seconded.

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

- d. Cross-list: TVF 317/GEN 317 – Film Analysis & Worldview
This item was moved to the November Academic Council meeting.
- e. To allow the following courses to count for the General Education foreign language requirement (Update from Dr. Foster):
 - i. BIB 251: Biblical Greek I, BIB 252: Biblical Greek II
 - ii. BIB 311: Biblical Hebrew I, BIB 312 Biblical Hebrew II

Dr. Foster shared a report on the reasoning for incorporating Biblical Greek and Hebrew as a Classical and Foreign Language requirement. He reported on the original purpose for Modern Languages in the General Education Curriculum. Dr. Foster also showed in the report how adding these two languages fits with “going into every person’s world,” showing national trends (both the Classical Christian Education movement and a trend among universities), and showing how this change might impact enrollment and marketing.

ACTION: Dr. Foster will work with Dr. Reid-Martinez and Dr. Weed to provide edits of this report about Classical Languages. A final version will be sent to the Deans to discuss at their College meetings in November and then voted on during the November Academic Council meeting.

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- 4. **TOPIC:** Updates from the Registrar’s Office - Dr. Connie Sjoberg
DISCUSSION: Dr. Sjoberg asked Dr. Nelson to email the following updates to all Academic Council members due to a time limitation at this meeting:
 - a. Group Advisement – TODAY at 12:00pm – Schedules sent to all residential students, Deans, Chairs and Administrative Assistants.
 - b. 2022-23 CCPs – due this Friday, October 22 to Provost if Full Faculty vote IS NOT required. Due October 25 to Provost if Full Faculty vote IS required.
 - c. 2022 Spring & Summer Enrollment – Opens Monday, October 25.
 - d. Summer Terms Proposed Change – Will discuss at the November Academic Council meeting)
 - e. Student Opinion Surveys – Open Monday, November 22nd and will close Friday, December 10th.

ACTION: Dr. Nelson will email all Academic Council members these updates.

CLOSED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary