

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 15, 2021

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GC 3116

Chair: Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Bill Crawford, Chris Foster, Cristi Freudenrich, Rebecca Gunn, Elena Gregg, Hallett Hullinger, Curtis Ellis, Janet George, Julie Huntley, Mark Roberts, and Kenneth Weed. **Voting members on Zoom:** Brenna Bohatec, Hal Reed, Norah Swiney, and Jay Gary

Voting members not in attendance: Bill Buker, Audrey Thompson, Kim Boyd, Wonsuk Ma, and Dean Prentice

Supporting guests: Kyle Jones, Andrew Lang, Connie Sjoborg, Jonathan Weed, and Christine Welden

1. **TOPIC:** Opening
Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.
2. **TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meeting on October 18, 2021.
DISCUSSION: Members received copies of the minutes via email. Dr. Freudenrich motioned to approve the Minutes, and Dr. Roberts seconded. The Academic Council unanimously accepted the Minutes.
ACTION: None.
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3. **TOPIC:** Updates from the General Education Committee – Dr. Andrew Lang
PROPOSALS:
 - a. Cross-list: TVF 317/GEN 317 – Film Analysis & Worldview
Discussion included highlighting the diversity within the course content
Dr. Ellis moved to vote, Dr. Foster seconded.
The Council voted to approve the cross-listing of TCF 317 with GEN 317 as a scaffolded interdisciplinary course.
Vote: Yay: 15, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0
 - b. New course: GEN 398 – African Politics, Culture, and Development
Discussion included the recommendation from the General Education Committee to diversify the textbook content within the interdisciplinary course
Dr. Ellis moved to vote, Dr. Hullinger seconded.
The Council voted to approve a new SIC course GEN 398 African Politics, Culture, and Development.
Vote: Yay: 15, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

- c. General Education modification: To allow the following courses to count for the General Education Modern 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. Roberts moved to vote, Dr. Freudenrich seconded.

The Council voted to allow the classical languages of Biblical Greek and Biblical Hebrew to meet the General Education Modern Foreign Language requirement.

Vote: Yay: 15, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- Academic Deans will discuss using instructor-author texts within a course and the current approval process.
- Academic Deans to discuss the possible use of including a classical college-type of test in addition to ACT/SAT information when considering admissions and return with recommendations.

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4. **TOPIC:** COSE Proposal - Require faculty permission to file a Withdraw petition any time after the add/drop date of any semester. The proposal does not reintroduce WP or WF. – Dr. Kenneth Weed

DISCUSSION:

- The submitted wording of the proposal from the college does not convey the intent of the COSE faculty. Dr. Weed reflected that the COSE faculty wanted to address withdrawal petition processing but not change withdrawal petition policy.
- Registrar's Office discussed the rationale for the current policy and concern for the delay of faculty challenging the 60-day DOE reporting regulation

ACTION: Registrar will work with the COSE representatives on a process to inform departments of student-submitted petitions and return with recommendations.

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

DISCUSSION: Provided list of important dates to members

CLOSED

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth M. Weed, Ph.D., Academic Council member