

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

January 24, 2022

11:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

GC 3114

Chair: Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Bill Crawford, Curtis Ellis, Chris Foster, Cristi Freudenrich, Rebecca Gunn, Hallett Hullinger, Julie Huntley, Jane Malcolm, Mark Roberts, and Kenneth Weed, Norah Swiney.

Voting members on Zoom: Brenna Bohatec, Hal Reed, Kim Boyd, and Jay Gary, Elena Gregg, Janet George, Wonsuk Ma, and Dean Prentice

Voting members not in attendance: Bill Buker, Audrey Thompson

Supporting guests: Kyle Jones, Connie Sjoberg, Jonathan Weed

1. **TOPIC:** Opening
Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.
2. **TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes of the meeting on November 15, 2021.

DISCUSSION: Members received copies of the minutes via email. Dr. Ellis motioned to approve the Minutes, and Dr. Foster seconded. The Academic Council unanimously accepted the Minutes.

ACTION: None.

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3. **TOPIC:** Updates from the Registrar's Office – Dr. Connie Sjoberg

DISCUSSION: Dr. Sjoberg reviewed the process for students to retake of a course and how the grade is processed so that the highest grade related to the course is included in the student's GPA. In addition, she reviewed the deadline and process for students to withdraw from a course. Discussion ensued regarding how the petition of a withdrawal after the deadline was handled for students in difficult situations.

The Registrar's Office provided a review of how outdated pre-requisite courses are managed and how to properly communicate this during the schedule adjustment period. Mr. Jonathan Weed responded that chairs should (1) delete the outdated/wrong information and (2) make the deleted information that is now a blank yellow. If there is an approved course number change, faculty and chairs should make the change and highlight it in yellow.

The Registrar's Office ended their discussion with a presentation on Degree Works, noting that the auditing and transfer equivalency features will be accessible through Vision beginning February 1. Degree Works will support both faculty and students as it will provide the academic degree requirements and show what the student has completed. Degree Works transfer equivalency model will allow prospective students to see what courses would transfer into ORU from prior institutions. Mr. Jonathan Weed demonstrated features of Degree Works to the Academic Council. Colleges will receive Degree Works training starting in February.

ACTION: At the next Academic Council Meeting, the Registrar's Office will show an example of the digital diploma.

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The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary