

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 19, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 12:33 p.m.
GC 4116

Chair: Dr. Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Rebecca Attah, Bill Buker, Bill Crawford, Curtis Ellis, Chris Foster, Cristi Freudenrich, Jay Gary, Elena Gregg, Hallett Hullinger, Julie Huntley, Dean Prentice, Norah Swiney, Audrey Thompson, Kenneth Weed, Stephen Wheat

Voting members on Zoom: Brenna Bohatec

Voting members not in attendance: Kim Boyd, Janet George, Wonsuk Ma

Supporting guests: Connie Sjoberg, Christine Welden, Kyle Jones

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

DISCUSSION: Dr. Kenneth Weed opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of April 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Gary moved, and Dr. Prentice seconded to accept the Minutes. The Minutes were unanimously accepted by the Academic Council.

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. **TOPIC:** Updates from the Office of the Registrar

DISCUSSION: Dr. Connie Sjoberg discussed updates related to degrees awarded.

On November 2021, the Board of Trustees added three commencement dates in addition to the original early-May, late-August, and mid-December dates. The additional dates are mid-March, early-July, and mid-October. Dr. Sjoberg also shared data related to the number of degrees awarded to date. Total graduate and undergraduate degrees awarded for 2022 was 768 students (2021 = 809) and will continue to change as more degrees are awarded (e.g., as students submit transcripts towards their degree completion). Dr. Sjoberg noted that when students apply to graduate, they must specify the graduation date. If that date changes, they do not have to reapply as long as the new graduation date is within that same academic year (September 1 – August 31). If their graduation date is in a future academic year, their previous application to graduate will be rescinded and they must reapply to graduate for the appropriate graduation year.

The following information was shared from the Registrar's office:

- 2023 Graduation Application is now open at registrar.oru.edu

- Junior and Senior Audits are ongoing – students can sign up at registrar.oru.edu
- Group Advisement is Monday, October 17 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Spring 2023 enrollment opens on Monday, October 24

ACTION: None

CLOSED

4. **TOPIC:** Registration time change

DISCUSSION: Dr. Stephen Wheat brought forth an item from the College of Science and Engineering to change spring and fall enrollment time from midnight to another time in the morning/early afternoon. Additionally, the student withdrawal process from courses was discussed.

ACTION: Dr. Reid-Martinez asked the Registrar's office to work with College Deans and evaluate any problems with changing registration times. Additionally, the Registrar's Office will work with Dr. Weed and other College Deans to evaluate the withdrawal process and any suggested changes that better notify faculty of the reasons why students are withdrawing from their class.

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5. **TOPIC:** General Education Curriculum Committee Discussion on General Education Outcomes

DISCUSSION: Dr. Lang presented the following new courses approved at the September General Education Curriculum Committee meeting. The Academic Council was asked for a vote:

- a. New Course: GEN 390—Integration of Psychology and Theology
 - Motion: Dr. Ellis. Seconded: Dr. Wheat.
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0**
- b. New Course: GEN 350—The Bible and Bob Dylan
 - Motion: Dr. Buker. Seconded: Dr. Freudenrich
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0**
- c. Allow American Sign Language (ASL) to fulfill the foreign language requirement.
 - Motion: Dr. Weed. Seconded: Dr. Ellis
 - **Vote: Y: 17, N: 0**

Additionally, new General Education Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) were presented. More clarity is needed for the definition of “core literacies” (perhaps just providing a few examples). One suggestion for consideration was to change “core literacies” to “core literacy/literacies.” Dr. Reid-Martinez asked Colleges to review, so Academic Council members will work with their respective Deans to discuss this in the Colleges.

ACTION: The General Education Committee will review the wording of “core literacies.” Academic Council representatives will work with their Deans to discuss the SLOs in their Colleges. Colleges will provide feedback to Dr. Lang by Tuesday, October 18 (the Tuesday before next Academic Council). Any new information will be disseminated by the Friday before Academic Council. Dr. Lang will bring back the proposal during the October 19 General Education Curriculum Committee meeting and present the Committee’s final proposal at the next Academic Council meeting in October. The Committee will include the mapping of outcomes.

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The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary