

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**October 24, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m. to 12:44 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, Janet George, Elena Gregg, Hallett Hullinger, Julie Huntley, Dean Prentice, Norah Swiney, Brenna Bohatec, Kenneth Weed, Stephen Wheat

**Voting members on Zoom:** Audrey Thompson

**Voting members not in attendance:** Kim Boyd, Wonsuk Ma

**Supporting guests:** Connie Sjoberg, Jonathan Weed, Christine Welden,

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of the Minutes from September 19, 2022.

**DISCUSSION:** Members received copies of the minutes via email. 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 the following updates related to spring and summer enrollment, degree audits, and applications to graduate:

- Spring enrollment is now open
- Fall 2022 Finals Schedules is posted online
- Enrollment for Summer opens Monday, January 9, 2023
- The 2023-2024 Academic Calendar is posted online
- Faculty should remind juniors and seniors to schedule their junior/senior audit
- Students planning to graduate in December 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023 are required to fill out the Application to Graduate in VISION prior to December 1, 2022.

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Lang presented the following items approved at the October General Education Curriculum Committee meeting. The Academic Council was asked for a vote:

- a. New Course: CACS-SOLA-2022-06. New SIC Course. GEN 308—Art and Story
  - Motion: Dr. Buker. Seconded: Dr. Hullinger
  - Discussion: friendly amendment to change the prerequisite to say “*COMP 102 and any general education HUM course that satisfies the general education humanities requirement*”
  - **Vote: Y: 18, N: 0, Abstain**
- b. New Course: COSE-2022-77. New GO Course. BIO 307—Advanced Tropical Biology
  - Motion: Dr. Weed. Seconded: Dr. Foster.
  - **Vote: Y: 18, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- c. COSE-2022-104. New SIC Course. GEN 305—Introduction to Statistical Analysis of Language
  - Motion: Dr. Ellis. Seconded: Dr. Gary.
  - **Vote: Y:18, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- d. COSE-2022-79. New SIC Course. GEN 357—Environmental Ethics
  - Motion: Dr. Buker. Seconded: Dr. Foster
  - Discussion: A motion to table this vote was passed and COSE was requested to clarify wording within the description of the course.
- e. COSE-2022-109. New Social Science Elective. CJS 201—Introduction to Criminal Justice
  - Motion: Dr. Weed. Seconded: Dr. Isgrigg.
  - **Vote: Y:18, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- f. COTM-UGT-2022-01. New SIC Course. GEN 319—The Making of Global Spirit-Empowered Leaders
  - Motion: Dr. Buker. Seconded: Dr. Huntley
  - **Vote: Y:18, N: 0, Abstain: 0**
- g. COTM-UGT-2022-05. Updating General Education Requirements for Ministry and Leadership (Online Degree Program)
  - Motion: Dr. Weed. Seconded: Dr. Prentice
  - Discussion: The Registrar’s Office clarified that online students can choose between two orientation courses--either GEN 114 (Online Learning Strategies) or GEN 115 (Whole Leaders Foundations). Also, going forward, the Council decided that online program changes that align with approved curriculum are considered approved and therefore do not require subsequent approval by General Education Committee or the Council.
  - **Vote: Y:18, N: 0, Abstain: 0**

h. New General Education Outcomes

Dr. Lang clarified that new General Education Outcomes are needed because University-wide Outcomes could not be the same as General Education Outcomes. Therefore, the process to create new General Education Outcomes started one year ago. COSE suggested greater clarity of the term “innovation.”

**ACTION:** Chairs, specifically those from COSE and CACS, are asked to respond to the General Education Curriculum Committee’s GEN 4 Outcome and send specific, clear recommendations to Dr. Lang prior to November 15. Additionally, COSE should provide clarification on wording within the GEN 357 – Environmental Ethics syllabus.

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5. **TOPIC:** Withdrawal Process – Dr. Kenneth Weed

**DISCUSSION:** Faculty and advisors will receive a weekly email with students who withdraw from a course. Therefore, it is important for departments to make certain faculty advisors receive the latest information as quickly as possible.

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

6. **TOPIC:** Coursedog

**DISCUSSION:** Members of Academic Council formally encouraged the adoption of Coursedog or similar software to assist with scheduling, curriculum change proposals, and catalog.

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

7. **TOPIC:** Classical Learning Test as an ORU Entrance Test – Dr. Christopher Foster

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Foster discussed the Classical Learning Test and how ORU could benefit from adopting it as another option for an entrance test. Enrollment Management is in full support of adopting this as an entrance test.

**ACTION:** Dr. Foster will talk with Professor Nathan Opp regarding the possibility of the Classical Learning Test as an option for the Honors Program entrance requirements.

**OPEN**

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary