

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

October 23, 2023

11:04 – 11:40 AM in GC 4114

Chair: Dr. Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Rebecca Attah, Chris Brown, Bill Buker, Dave Crowell, Curtis Ellis, Chris Foster, Janet George, Mark Hall, Julie Huntley, Jared Johnston, Dean Prentice, Audrey Thompson, Kenneth Weed, Stephen Wheat, Amanda Wilson, Jan Woerner

Voting members on Zoom: None

Voting members not in attendance: Adrian Hinkle, Jamie Kitchens, Ruby Libertus

Supporting guests: Kyle Jones, Andy Lang, Jonathan Weed

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

Dr. Kathleen Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of September 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

DISCUSSION: Members received copies of the minutes via email. Dr. Wheat moved, and Dr. George seconded to accept the Minutes. The Minutes were unanimously accepted by the Academic Council.

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. **TOPIC:** Update from the General Education Curriculum Committee – Dr. Andy Lang

DISCUSSION: Dr. Lang presented the following items from the previous General Education Curriculum Committee's meeting:

- a. New GO-courses (NUR 409 & PED 412) unanimously passed the General Education Curriculum Committee's acceptance as a GO-course after they reviewed the course with the designated GO-course rubric. A vote was taken to accept these two courses. Dr. Foster motioned, and Dr. Johnston seconded.
Vote: Y: 16, N: 0, Abstain: 0
- b. New COMP 101 Description - A friendly amendment was made to strike the tutoring requirement from the course description. Dr. Weed reminded the Academic Council of the HLC guidelines requiring that courses maintain identical course descriptions and learning outcomes when offered through various formats, including residential, virtual, and online. A vote was taken to accept this change in the course description. Dr. Weed motioned; Dr. Johnston seconded.
Vote: Y: 15, N: 0, Abstain: 1
- c. GEN 300 level section to THE 404 - Dr. Lang reminded the Academic Council that Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Courses (SIC) must have a minimum of one prerequisite course and that the interdisciplinary nature of the course must be

“clear and apparent.” As this course was suggested to be revised during the General Education Curriculum Committee meeting, a vote was not taken.

ACTION: None

CLOSED

4. TOPIC: “Special Topics” SIC courses

DISCUSSION: Dr. Ellis shared that Professor Farnsworth would be open to managing the Special Topics SIC courses as a Liberal Arts course and that it would be reflected on the shared load of the respective faculty. All Colleges were in favor of this proposal. A motion was made by Dr. Ellis and refined by Dr. Reid-Martinez to state, “The College of Arts and Cultural Studies will develop two university-wide Special Topics Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Courses (SIC) at the 300-level and 400-level and submit the course designs to the General Education Curriculum Committee for review. Upon review and approval by CACS faculty and the General Education Curriculum Committee, they will be submitted to the Academic Council for additional review and approval.” A vote was taken to accept this proposal. Dr. Ellis motioned; Dr. Prentice seconded.

Vote: Y: 15, N: 0, Abstain: 0

ACTION: None

CLOSED

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary