

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 22, 2024  
11:00 – 11:29 AM (Virtual Zoom Meeting)**

**Chair:** Kathaleen Reid-Martinez, Provost

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

**Voting members not in attendance:** Bill Buker, Adrian Hinkle, Jamie Kitchens

**Nonvoting members and supporting guests:** Andy Lang, Connie Sjoberg, Jonathan Weed, Christine Welden

1. **TOPIC:** Opening

Dr. Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of November 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

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

**ACTION:** None.

**CLOSED**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Lang presented General Education courses proposed for virtual students. These courses are based upon the highest enrollment of on-campus General Education courses and do not represent the entire offering for current residential students. Additionally, the Council discussed the need for additional faculty training on virtual learning based on the approach used by the College of Education. This approach includes using dual screens—one for virtual students and the other a shared screen with both virtual and residential students.

**ACTION:** Dr. Lang will distribute the General Education Outcomes, curriculum maps, current list of virtual courses, and proposed list of virtual courses to Academic Council members to present at their next College meeting on February 12. Colleges will notify Dr. Lang of any changes by the morning of February 14. Additionally, the Registrar's Office will compile a list of courses offered virtually. Dr. Weed and Dr. Kim Boyd are advised to identify courses requiring additional faculty development and training. Drs. Weed and Boyd will assess the implementation process, considering programs with the highest number of majors.

**OPEN**

4. **TOPIC:** Update about SIC History of Apologetics (HIS/GEN 309) – Dr. Foster

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Foster conveyed that, following discussions with faculty familiar with the structure of the existing course "Christian Apologetics," it is anticipated that the new course "History of Apologetics" (HIS/GEN 309) will not have a direct impact on it. Additionally, the new course will cover areas not addressed in the existing one. The review indicates that the two courses will complement each other.

**ACTION:** Dr. Foster and Dr. Ellis will collaborate to identify and address any gaps in the syllabus before including the course in the University Catalog.

**OPEN**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Sjoberg shared the following information and dates:

- a. 1/22/24 – Classes dropped for returning students not yet registered
- b. 1/29/24 – Deadline for Drop/Add for all students
- c. 2/9/24 – Fall 2024 Course Schedules due to Deans
- d. 2/21/23 – Spring Graduation Fair
- e. 3/1/24 – Deadline for Seniors/Grad to apply for Graduation
- f. 3/4/24 – Group Advisement
- g. 3/11-3/15 – Summer & Fall Enrollment

**ACTION:** None

**CLOSED**

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary