

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 23, 2024
11:03 – 11:33 AM

Chair: Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Chris Brown, Bill Buker, Daniel Bunn, Curtis Ellis, Randy Feller, Angela Foster, Janet George, Mark Hall, Julie Huntley, Jamie Kitchens, Dean Prentice, Kenneth Weed, Amanda Wilson, Jan Woerner

Voting members not in attendance: Adrian Hinkle, Jared Johnston, Wendy Wells-O'Rear,

Nonvoting members and supporting guests: Kyle Jones, Andrew Lang, Connie Sjoberg, Jonathan Weed, Christine Welden

1. **TOPIC:** Opening – Dr. Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of August 19, 2024, meeting Minutes.

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

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

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

DISCUSSION: Dr. Sjoberg shared the following information:

- a. CCPs – Initial approval processing by Friday, Oct 4th
- b. Midterm Grades Due in Vision – Wednesday, Oct 9th no later than 7:59 AM
- c. Final Exam Schedule is posted at Calendar.ROU.edu
- d. Group Advisement – Monday, October 14th at 12:00pm
- e. Spring and Summer 2025 syllabi due October 7
- f. Spring & Summer 2025 Enrollment continues to be open to all students.

ACTION: The Registrar's Office will send out the SharePoint link of all active CCPs to the College Deans. They will also distribute the QR code for Group Advisement well in advance so that faculty can include it in their Group Advisement slides.

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4. **TOPIC:** Open Discussion

DISCUSSION: Dr. Reid-Martinez asked the Academic Council members of any other issues to address.

- a. A question was raised about the use of the "engagement" score (0 or 1) in D2L across all courses. Currently, the engagement score only appears in courses copied from the previous semester or year, meaning new courses may not automatically include the engagement line in the gradebook.
- b. Currently, students are allowed to drop a co-requisite course and remain in the other course, even though the courses are meant to be taken together. Dr. Lang suggested that students should be required to drop both courses or neither, unless they obtain permission from the instructor to drop only one.
- c. Faculty no longer have five free meals in the cafeteria each semester. Many faculty use these free lunches to connect with students. It was suggested that this opportunity be reinstated as soon as possible.

ACTION: Dr. Weed will ensure that the engagement score is added to the gradebook in any courses where it is missing. The Registrar's Office will review the process for course withdrawal for co-requisites and provide an update at the next Academic Council meeting.

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The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary