

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
August 18, 2025
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Chair: Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Adrian Hinkle, Curtis Ellis, Angela Foster, Kim Boyd, Ray Smith, Dave Crowell, Wendy Wells-O’Rear, Julie Huntley, Daniel Bunn, Randy Feller, Jared Johnston, Mark Hall, Kenneth Weed

Voting members not in attendance: Matthew Delaney, Chris Brown, Ruby Libertus, Janet George, Audrey Thompson, Cal Easterling, Dean Prentice, Jay Gary

Non-voting members and supporting guests: Kyle Jones, Jana Swartwood, Christine Welden, Connie Sjoberg

1. **TOPIC:** Opening – Dr. Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.
2. **TOPIC:** Approval of April 14, 2025, meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION: Approval of April 14, 2025, minutes, Jared Johnston moved to accept

ACTION: Minutes approved.

CLOSED

3. **TOPIC:** Registrar

DISCUSSION: Announcements of class changes, returning student second drop date, census date, opening of One-Stop. Note that students who need to registering go to One-Stop and those with continuing degree issues should go to the Registrar’s Office.

ACTION: None

CLOSED

4. **TOPIC:** Open Discussion – Dr. Reid-Martinez

DISCUSSION: Discussion of One-Stop offerings and responsibilities – open for questions and directions on how to address issues of concern (finances, financial aid, academic scheduling, and others); Student Success will shift to work on retention and with “at-risk” students needing additional assistance; mycourses.oru.edu remains available to faculty for reporting students with concerns (academic or attendance issues); concerns for the “murky middle” who are returning students (usually sophomore or junior) who may be struggling;

ACTION: Dr. Weed to review automated reports and data related to student advising for review and consideration by Deans and Provost

DISCUSSION: Discussion of Cloud Modernization – committees are meeting, and groups are talking; summer discussions have raised academic concerns about the use of technology by academic assistants and faculty members that may require faculty training – Dr. Johnston replied that technology changes focusing on student-facing technologies, faculty engage with student advising and will need only limited training to assist with directing students

ACTION: Dr. Sjoberg and Dr. Johnston to return with monthly updates to keep the Academic Council informed of the Cloud Modernization project; Dr. Boyd will develop faculty training events to support the changes resulting from the Modernization project.

CLOSED

DISCUSSION: Discussion of Library Access – Google AI says that the library is open to the public and opens at 7:30 am, which is not true, the team is working to address the AI error.

ACTION: Council members to communicate to their colleges that the ORU Library is open to the ORU community only.

CLOSED

DISCUSSION: Prayer over the students to become resilient as led by Dr. Feller, Dr. Smith, Dr. Ellis, Dr. Huntley, and Dr. Reid-Martinez

NEVER CLOSED – ALWAYS OPEN

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Weed