

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
September 22, 2025  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., GC 3112**

**Chair:** Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

**Voting members in attendance:** Rafael Duarte, Angela Foster, Curtis Ellis, Kim Boyd, Ray Smith, Wendy Wells-O’Rear, Julie Huntley, Norah Swiney, Daniel Bunn, Randall Feller, Cal Easterling, Jared Johnston, Audrey Thompson, Mark Hall, Kenneth Weed

**Voting members not in attendance:** Matthew Delaney, Adrian Hinkle, Janet George, Dean Prentice, Jay Gary

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

1. Welcome and Prayer – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

2. Approval of Minutes from 8/18/2025 – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

**DISCUSSION:** Requested a modification of attendance roster, Dr. Randall Feller moved to accept minutes as modified

**ACTION:** Minutes approved.

**CLOSED**

3. General Education Committee Report – Dr. Andrew Lang

**DISCUSSION:** Proposal to allow MAT 151 Math and Society to:

- Add a prerequisite of an ALEX score of 20
- Become an option to fulfill the Gen Ed Quantitative Literacy requirement, programs may consider listing both (or either) Elementary Statistics and Math and Society as options

Discussion included the following:

- the role of statistics needed to combat misinformation
- question about the addition of the ALEKS prerequisite as needed to replace the lack of incoming student assessment through ACT or SAT
- the availability of the placement exam
- meeting the math needs of entering students
- the quality and rigor in the Elementary Statistics course and ALEKS leveling

**ACTIONS:**

- The Provost will share the availability of the ALEKS placement exam with the faculty during the University Faculty meeting, which will contain the ALEKS-PPL math placement exam availability:
  - For the most current information, go to <https://mathplacement.oru.edu>
  - ALEKS-PPL exam is available throughout the summer, during new student orientation week, and most Saturday afternoons throughout the academic year
- Vote for entire proposal (both parts) – Aye: 14; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1

- Comments on implementation:
  - Chairs to include Jana Swartwood in the process of any changes in the program (allowing the choice of MAT 151 and MAT 232) to ensure alignment with online programs
  - Registrar will accept a single CCP for all programs within one department to make this specific modification; CCP deadline for initial submission is October 3; any other program changes must be submitted using separate CCPs

**CLOSED**

4. Registrar Update – Dr. Connie Sjoberg

**DISCUSSION:** Mid-term grades will be due by Wednesday, October 8; Group advisement on the following Monday at noon; Summer 2026 schedule with revised terms open for enrollment during Group advisement

**CLOSED**

5. New Business – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

**DISCUSSION:** Presented recommended handbook changes to bring clarity or make clerical changes to align the Academic Council section of the handbook with current practices. Recommended changes included items, such as references to committees that no longer exist, and the addition of reports, such as those from Registrar’s Office that are included at each meeting. The Provost opened the floor for comment on the recommended changes and change procedures.

**ACTION:**

- The Council voted unanimously to allow such edits as those presented above without faculty vote. Future discussions may be held as needed for other types of changes.

**CLOSED**

The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Weed