

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**October 20, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., GC 3112**

**Chair:** Provost Kathaleen Reid-Martinez (attending virtually through the most advanced ORU Virtual Campus-ready room in the GC/LRC building – GC 3112)

**Voting members in attendance:** Kim Boyd, Daniel Bunn, Matthew Delaney, Rafael Duarte, Cal Easterling, Curtis Ellis, Randall Feller, Angela Foster, Jay Gary, Janet George, Mark Hall, Adrian Hinkle, Julie Huntley, Jared Johnston, Norah Swiney, Audrey Thompson, Kenneth Weed, Wendy Wells-O’Rear

**Voting members not in attendance:** Dean Prentice, Ray Smith, Audrey Thompson

**Non-voting members and supporting guests:** Andy Lang, Connie Sjoberg, Christine Welden, Amanda Wilson

1. Welcome and Prayer – Provost Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
2. Approval of Minutes from 9/22/2025 – Provost Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
  - DISCUSSION:** Motion by Jared Johnston, seconded by Rafael Duarte; vote to approve minutes (at the end of the meeting, a point of order requested a modification of a spelling of name, which was accepted without objection)
  - ACTION:** Minutes approved
  - CLOSED**
3. General Education Committee Report –Andrew Lang
  - DISCUSSION:**
    - Revised course description; motion by Curtis Ellis, seconded by Matthew Delaney
      - Modified the catalog course description for COMP 102 to align with current practice
    - New GO course designations; motion by Curtis Ellis, seconded by Jared Johnston
      - CACS
        - DANP 125 History of Dance I
        - DRAM 210 Theatre History II
        - DRAM 215 Introduction to Theatre
      - COE
        - ELL 133 Preclinical III
      - COSE
        - PSY 307 Psychology across Cultures and Communities
    - Proposed additional general education catalog language; motion by Randall Feller, seconded by Wendy Wells-O’Rear
      - “Courses completed through an approved study abroad program may be applied to meet the GO Intercultural Experience requirement.”
    - Proposed scaffolded interdisciplinary course (SIC) designation; motion by Curtis Ellis, seconded by Jared Johnston
      - Discussion of proposed GEN 381 Comprehensive Event Planning with concerns regarding the articulation of the interdisciplinary nature of the course

and integration of content for students across all disciplines with specific objections from the College of Business regarding the prerequisites for the course that do not involve marketing and management

- Proposed prerequisite change
  - Update the prerequisites in GEN 434 Game Theory & Politics to include MAT 151

**ACTIONS:**

- Voting results
  - COMP 102 course description: 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstain
  - GO course designations (for all five courses): 18 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstain
  - Proposed general education catalog change: 18 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstain
  - Update of GEN 434 prerequisites: 18 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstain
- Without vote, the GEN 381 proposal was returned to the College of Arts & Cultural Studies for clarification

**CLOSED**

4. Registrar Update –Connie Sjoberg

**DISCUSSION:** The Registrar’s Office expressed a desire to remind faculty of Study Abroad application procedures.

**ACTION:** Mark Hall, Connie Sjoberg, and Christine Welden will meet to develop wording for the faculty reminder to be included in the University Faculty report.

Update: The sub-committee recommended wording follows:

"Please remind students that participation in any study abroad experience must follow official university procedures. All students must first contact the ORU Study Abroad Office (studyabroad@oru.edu) to begin the approval process and to ensure compliance with institutional policies. If students choose to participate in study abroad independently, there is no guarantee that their courses will transfer or be recognized by the university."

**CLOSED**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Weed