

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

February 16, 2026, 11:00 a.m. to 12:09 p.m., GC 3112

Chair: Provost Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Daniel Bunn, Matthew Delaney, Rafael Duarte, Cal Easterling, Curtis Ellis, Angela Foster, Jay Gary, Janet George, Mark Hall, Adrian Hinkle, Julie Huntley, Jared Johnston, Dean Prentice, Ray Smith, Norah Swiney, Kenneth Weed, Wendy Wells-O’Rear, Amanda Wilson

Voting members not in attendance: Randall Feller, Audrey Thompson

Non-voting members and supporting guests: Kyle Jones, Andrew Lang, Connie Sjoberg, Christine Welden

1. Welcome and Prayer – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
2. Approval of Minutes from 01/12/2026 – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
ACTION: Jared Johnston, moved; Curtis Ellis, seconded; scrivener’s error was corrected; vote – unanimous approval
3. Exploring Technology-Driven Innovations in Academic and Professional Practice – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
DISCUSSION:
 - Results of Chairs AI survey – library added a course; psychology, counseling, HLSS and Computing and Mathematics have started to incorporate AI into some courses; composition and biology have incorporated AI as have Music and BFA in DesignACTION: Academics will continue to pursue intentional AI integration; asked that Dr. Lang provide feedback on academic AI certificates to Academic Deans; Dr. Amanda Wilson will provide information concerning an upcoming AI conference
4. Emeritus vote from the College of Arts and Cultural Studies
DISCUSSION: Recommendation of Joyce Bridgman for emeritus status following 59 years of service
ACTION: Vote will advance by the handbook requirements
5. Registrar Update – Dr. Connie Sjoberg
DISCUSSION:
 - Graduation Fair – Wednesday, Feb 25th, 10:00-4:00pm (Closed during Chapel), Chapel Lobby
 - Group Advisement – Monday, March 2nd, 12:00pm
 - Fall/Spring Enrollment ‘26-’27
 - Seniors, Honors, & Grad – Monday, 03.09, 10pm
 - Juniors – Tuesday, 03.10, 10pm
 - Sophomores – Wednesday, 03.11, 10pm
 - Freshmen – Thursday, 03.12, 10pm