

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

March 23, 2026, 11:00 a.m. to 11:38 p.m., GC 3112

Chair: Provost Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

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

Voting members not in attendance: Rafael Duarte, Randall Feller, Angela Foster, Jared Johnston, Audrey Thompson, Kenneth Weed

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

1. Welcome and Prayer – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
2. Approval of Minutes from 02/16/2026 – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
ACTION: Wendy Wells-O’Rear, moved; Cal Easterling, seconded; vote – unanimous approval
3. Discussion – Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
DISCUSSION:
 - **Emeritus:** Dr. Reid-Martinez – If there are any late Emeritus candidates, Provost will update and contact Academic Council electronically, unanimous consent granted to proceed as needed.
 - **AI and KPIs:** Dr. Lang – Question regarding AI Taskforce and the possibility of a graduation requirement, Dr. Reid-Martinez discussed a “use certification” requirement proposal at the College level that has been discussed by the Deans, final KPI to be determined this week. Dr. Lang expects GenEd committee to wait and see before moving a proposal forward.
 - **HLC and Other Updates:** Dr. Reid-Martinez shared about the excellent work of ORU students as interns, especially internationally, and thanked academics for preparing our students so well. Dr. Reid-Martinez noted the positive tone of HLC expressing a desire to help universities navigate their state environments as needed. Dr. Reid-Martinez also shared the prominence of workplace skills throughout the HLC conference.
4. Registrar Update – Christine Welden
 - Commencement Update – 922 applicants thus far
 - Group Advisement – Monday, March 2nd, 12:00pm
 - Fall/Spring Enrollment ‘26-’27 is open in Vision
 - April 10th deadline to Withdraw from standard term courses

Respectfully submitted by
Dr. Curtis Ellis, Dean of the College of Arts and Cultural Studies