

Idaho State University  
**Academic Standards Council**  
Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

3:15 PM

Faculty Senate Conference Room, REND 301

In Attendance: Hedeem, Hurlburt, Sammons, Skidmore, Stowe, Stuffle

Non-voting: Allen, Hertz, Trimmer, Wallace

Excused: Kim, McAleese

Absent: Earles, Jantz, Woodworth-Ney

**1. Announcements**

None

**2. Minutes of December 1, 2010**

**Action:** Motion made by Skidmore to approve the minutes of December 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Stowe. **Discussion:** In the second line on page two of the minutes, the words “and Math” were deleted. Wallace noted the change. Stowe called for objections to approve the minutes; there were none. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Continuing Business**

a. Revisions to Placement into English and Math Courses

Stowe stated that he received a third version of the draft document from Dr. Margaret Johnson with proposed changes to the English and Mathematics Courses policy found on page 37 of the current undergraduate catalog. Stowe reviewed the changes with council members who also received the document via email earlier in the week.

**Action:** Council members discussed and made amendments to Dr. Johnson’s third version. Wallace noted the amendments. A vote was taken to accept the amended proposal subject to Dr. Margaret Johnson’s approval. All were in favor; none opposed.

b. Eliminating the 50-Credit Rule

Council records show that in a 2006-2007 Academic Standards Council meeting, the Council approved a proposal to delete the 50-credit rule from the undergraduate catalog. It was then sent to Faculty Senate where it was also approved. The assumption was made that the proposal became lost after being sent to administration for approval.

At the December 2010 meeting, council members discussed a request made by Alan Frantz to eliminate the 50-Credit Rule from the last paragraph of the Credit Requirements policy found on page 36 of the current undergraduate catalog. At the time, it was decided that more time was needed to consider the issue.

Council members discussed further and agreed that the last paragraph of the Credit Requirements policy found on page 36 of the current undergraduate catalog discussing the 50-Credit Rule should be deleted.

**Action:** Stowe made a motion to affirm the action taken by the Council in 2006-2007 and to remove the sentence “**In general,...for graduation.**” on page 34 of the undergraduate catalog under “**Major Concentration**” and the paragraph “**A maximum...for graduation.**” from page 36 under “**Credit Requirements.**” A vote was taken to accept the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

#### **4. New Business**

a. Lowering Minimum Graduation Credits to 120

Stowe stated that he received a new charge from Faculty Senate requesting that the Council make a recommendation to Faculty Senate regarding a potential lowering of the university graduation requirement from 128 credits to 120 credits.

Council members discussed and decided that more time was needed to think about how the credit reduction would affect other requirements in the undergraduate catalog. Item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### **5. Adjournment** at 4:21 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Faculty Senate conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Allen  
Recording Secretary

Approved with minor amendments by Academic Standards Council: February 2, 2011  
Accepted by Faculty Senate: February 7, 2011