**Academic Standards Council (ASC)**
Friday, 9/13/2019
2:00 pm, Rendezvous Faculty Senate Conference Room. 301

**In attendance:**
Members: Amy Koplin, Michael Foley, John Fitzpatrick, Anushka Burde (minutes), Curtis Whitaker
Ex-Officio: JoAnn Hertz, Alan Frantz, Laura McKenzie, Tiffany Fanning
Excused: Jeff Meldrum, Ruiling Guo
Guest:

I. Discussion Items

a. Amy Koplin introduced new members. Tiffany Fanning took Cory Zink’s place. Dr. Curtis Whitaker is a new member of the ASC. Erin (recorder) has left ISU. One of us will need to take minutes moving forward.

b. Amy Koplin served as the chair of Academic Standards Council (ASC) for one year. Requested if someone else would be willing to serve on this position. Anushka Burde volunteered and will serve as the Chair moving forward. Vice-chair still yet to be elected. On the Agenda for the next meeting.

c. Closed/Finals Week Policy
It was requested that the Closed/Finals Week Policy be reworded. Specific examples need to be added to this policy if there is an exception. For example if students have two exams on the same day, alternate arrangements can be made. Remove “night classes, activities. Replace “professional programs” with PharmD program. Michael Foley motioned to accept these changes to the Closed/Finals Week Policy. Seconded by John Fitzpatrick. Motion carried.

d. Academic Renewal Policy/Grade and Credit Exclusion Policy
JoAnn Hertz and Alan Frantz have been working with the AARF committee who have requested that the academic renewal policy be revised and updated so that it benefits more students. JoAnn explained that students who left on probation and sat out for 3 years were allowed to come back and, after making academic progress, petition to remove courses from the calculation of GPA and total credits to make progress towards Good Standing. AARF
Committee is asking if this could apply to good standing students as well if they had a bad semester or so BSU policy was discussed to see what other institutions have been doing.

Additional points discussed were:
1. Why is this policy allowed to be used only one time?
2. Laura McKenzie recommended that we add “GPA eligible credit hours” to “Bullet 5”.
3. Bullet 6 was discussed at length– “The student cannot exclude any grades received prior to receiving a post-secondary degree or certificate.”

This exception should be added to this policy.
Exception: If the student has courses that were ineligible for use toward a particular post-secondary degree or certificate, grades earned in those courses may be excluded if other criteria listed above are met.] Documentation should come from that institution

Add an additional bullet. “An S in Math 0090 transcripted at ISU may be considered towards the required additional ISU credit minimums listed above.

Remove “However, all grades, including those that have been excluded, will be used to calculate graduation honors.

A minimum of two (2) years will have elapsed since last enrollment at ISU or at least 4 (four) years must have elapsed since the grades were received. – Need to come back to this.

e. **SBoE Language for Bachelor of Applied Science program CoT**

The new State Board policy that was just approved does not require a minimum completion of academic credits:

APPLIED BACCALAUREATE DEGREE: A credential awarded for completion of requirements entailing the equivalent of 120 semester credits of academic and career technical coursework (includes a minimum of 36 general education credits). An applied baccalaureate degree shall not require more than 120 semester credits unless needed for unique accreditation, certification, or professional licensure purposes or by exception approved by the Board.
Amy Koplin stated that Bachelor of Applied Science Program (BAS): Robotics program has requested that the ASC consider not applying above policy to their program because they have a 60 academic credit requirement which brings them to a total of 153-159 total credits. This contradicts with the State Board policy which only requires students to have 120 semester credits to obtain an “Applied Baccalaureate Degree”. This policy was discussed and the best solution was thought to include an exception to this policy which will be as follows: “BAS in Robotics is exempt from the ISU 60 academic credit requirement”

John Fitzpatrick motioned to add this exception to this policy for the BAS:Robotics program. Seconded by Anushka Burde. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 4:05 PM

Approved:

Approved by Faculty Senate: