Official Minutes
ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL
Friday, April 10, 2020 2:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Christopher Hunt, Alan Frantz, Ruiling Guo, Anushka Burde, Amy Koplin, Geoffrey Bennett (Guest- Chair of UCC), Jeffrey Meldrum, John Fitzpatrick, Curtis Whitaker, Tiffany Mitchell, Michael Foley, Joanne Tokle

Absent: JoAnn Hertz

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger


II. Discussion items

a) NWCCU Standards: Forwarded by Dr. Tokle
   a. NWCCU standards were recently revised and the limit on credit for prior experiential learning was removed. However, we have been advised that institutions should have their own policies in place instead. This is an issue that seems appropriate for the Academic Standards Council
   b. Attached is a summary and explanation of credit for prior experiential learning. ISU may wish to update its policy now that NWCCU has removed the relevant standard. Attached to the email is soon-to-be approved SBOE policy on prior learning. ISU's current policy and procedures are here: https://www.isu.edu/academicaffairs/-prior-learning-assessment/
   c. Tokle spoke to this.
      i. This is something to take up next fall.
   d. Accreditation standards have been changed. ISU needs to have our own institutional policies in place for experiential credits, based on current standards.
   e. Discussion ensued amongst council members.

b) COE- Athletics Training Program: Forwarded by Geoffrey Bennett (Chair of UCC)
   a. When the program expanded to the master's degree level, it added two years to the undergrad, which is as expected. However, other schools in the region have adopted a 3+2 program, such that students could complete their master's within five years. This proposal aims to do the same here. This would necessitate their bachelor degree being awarded while they were already at the master level, meaning that undergrads will be taking graduate courses to satisfy undergraduate requirements.
As we don't know of a precedent here, the question is whether we should deliberate on it per normal, and then pass it along to the senate (and your council), or whether your council would wish to consider the matter first, in order to avoid confusion between committees and the department.

Proposal: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h2UBhFuGdk-t_nN5UgK8fma5TpsKRhcmsHSqGkRgU3E/edit

b. Bennett spoke to this.
   1. It will be called the “Accelerated Programs Option.”
   2. How it will be accepted is still to be decided.
   3. Went through the requirements and standards that would be required for this option.

c. Hunt expressed concern as to who decides this.
   1. Makes sense for some departments and not for others.
   2. A discussion amongst the members of ASC ensued.

d. A GPA of 3.5 or higher would be required to enter this program.

e. Hunt said ASC needs to decide upon how it will decide upon the set number of credits for this option.

**ACTION:** Fitzpatrick motioned for the ASC to recommend these type of programs to move forward with UCC, Grad Council, and the Registrar’s office to approve these kinds of proposals.

Foley seconded

**Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment:** 3:00 p.m.