Minutes  
ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL  
Friday, February 14, 2020 2:00 pm  
Museum Building Room 224

Attendance: Anushka Burde, Curtis Whitaker, Jeff Meldrum, Amy Koplin, Ruiling Guo, Tiffany Mitchell(Replacing Corey Zink), John Fitzpatrick, Alan Frantz, Laura McKenzie

Excused: Mike Foley, JoAnn Hertz

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger

I. Status of Minutes for January 17, 2020 – Approved by Senate

II. Discussion items

a) General Education Program
   a. BA v/BS survey created
      1. Burde gave a brief rundown of what the survey’s purpose is.
         • A discussion ensued regarding the necessity for the survey.
      2. A discussion ensued for replacing #3 or #4 on the survey with the question, “How do you advise students to choose one over the other?”
         • “What is the difference between the BA and BS,” and, “Why is there a difference between BA and BS,” in that order.

      **ACTION** - Motion made to approve the survey. Motion seconded.
      **Motion Carried**.

b. If approved by ASC, need to send it to ALL departments?
   1. Decision was made to send it only to the 9 departments with BA and BS that are exactly the same.

c. How do we send this survey?
   1. Burde will send it out.

b) Terminology and Credit Limits
   a. Updated copy
      1. Discussion ensued on changes that need to be made in the copy.
         • McKenzie spoke to the idea that there is no value added in requiring all programs to have a 30-credit minimum.
         • 4th box down under item and terminology, needs to say “concentration,” instead of, “major categories.”
         • “Undergraduate Degrees and Acronyms,” section, “AAGS” and “BAGS” are not offered by Idaho State University and need to be removed.

b. PharmD Maximum Credit Limit
1. PharmD approved a credit limit of 21 credits for students in that college.

**ACTION**- Moved to approve a credit limit of 21 for professional-level students in PharmD students and the limit for all other students stays the same. Motion seconded.

**Motion Carried.**

c. Need to approve once finalized

1. As above, motion approved.

c) Challenge Examinations - Dr. Whitaker

a. Please refer to attached document

1. Whitaker wants to make clarifications and additions to the policy.
   - Explicit time restrictions on challenge exams, to pin down exactly when the test can be done.
   - Having students explain why they want to take a challenge exam would be in their best interest so they do not take it casually. Tests cost $400-$500 or 1/3 the cost of a credit hour, for students to take.
   - Students may not challenge a lower division course in their senior year because the lower division courses are supposed to cultivate skills that students can use throughout their career as a student.
     - College of Technology has a problem with this due to the transfer students they get coming into their programs.
     - Frantz suggested simply making an exception for The College of Technology.
     - McKenzie suggested that departments simply turn down the application for the challenge examinations.
   - McKenzie noted that the Challenge Examinations Instructions need to say, “IF the challenge is approved,” not “When the challenge is approved.”
     - A discussion over the document ensued.
     - Wordsmithing the document ensued.

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made and seconded.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment- 3:15 p.m.**