

Official Minutes  
ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL  
Friday, September 18, 2020 2:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting

1) Status of Minutes for August 21, 2020 -

2) Discussion items: Continue discussing NWCCU

**Previous discussion**

- a) NWCCU Standards: Forwarded by Dr. Tokle
  - i) 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
  - ii) 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/>
- b) Joanne Tokle discussed the status of this policy
  - i) Shows up in catalogue under "Alternative Credit Opportunities."
- c) The ask
  - i) Does ASC want to make any changes to the current policy?
    - (1) Fitzpatrick suggested rewording to section, "Application of Credits."
      - (a) Third bullet line...credit by PLA can be used to meet the graduation requirement for upper division credit."
      - (b) Strike the phrase, "for 36."
    - (2) Fitzpatrick- add a line to policy
      - (a) PLA credits from other state institutions will just go through
      - (b) McKenzie- does not need to be put in the catalogue
    - (3) McKenzie
      - (a) There are two courses that assess students' experiential learning
      - (b) Should these courses fall under this policy
      - (c) Tokle-
        - (i) This issue has already been addressed and is being taken care of.
    - (4) Fitzpatrick will bring up if there are any other departments that use this and want to change any language- with his college- and bring the info to the next meeting.
    - (5) Add "if awarded" to policy where it says, "credit by PLA is considered resident credit."
    - (6) McKenzie will create a google doc for committee to look at and review for further discussion.

3) Continue discussing on need for unique content requirement for 2 degrees

**Previous Discussion**

- a) Issue just came up yesterday
  - i) Earning a second Bachelors Degree and how that is transcribed.
  - ii) McKenzie explained the issue.
    - (1) The issue lies with the lack of unique content between the two Bachelors Degrees
      - (a) IE: A Bachelors in Management with a minor in Marketing and there is only one unique credit between the two degrees.
    - (2) Do we need to create policy to address this issue and require more unique content between the degrees?