Official Minutes

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL

Friday, January 15, 2021 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

1) **Credit Policy (Concern because of online/hybrid classes)- Put off until next meeting**
   a) Credit or Credit Hour
   The credit, sometimes referred to as semester credit or semester hour, is a unit of academic work. One credit is defined to require fifty minutes in a class each week for one semester (or the equivalent).
   b) One semester credit hour in academic courses requires (1) fifty minutes in class each week for one semester (which -assumes approximately twice this amount of time in study and preparation outside the classroom), or (2) approximately two and one-half hours in laboratory each week for a semester, or (3) equivalent combinations of (1) and (2). For purposes of equivalency calculations, a semester is assumed to be sixteen weeks. Short term courses of one week (five days) or more require time in class, laboratory, and preparation equivalent to the above for a total of 45 clock hours per credit.

2) **Specialized Credit Limitations (Continue Discussing NWCCU)**
   a) Consider removing the 25% of a program limit on CPEL per Timothy Leishman: See attached document
   b) Consider removing the limit of 8 ensemble credits.
   c) Bowen discussed the Navy Nuclear program vs. the Nuclear Program at ISU
      i) This is a very difficult program with only a 50-60% pass rate
      ii) Bowen was approached by INL
         (1) Bowen is asking to remove the 25% experiential learning cap for incoming INL students and others in similar situations
         (2) The idea would be that the experiential learning could earn the student an Associate's Degree
      iii) This discussion has been tabled until January's meeting

3) **Alternate Credit Opportunities**
   a) Change the Challenge Examinations Instructions
      i) Specify that the college Dean of the course being challenged must approve