

Official Minutes

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL

Friday, April 16, 2021 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Anushka Burde, Jeff Meldrum, John Fitzpatrick, Michael Foley, Cody Sparrow, Joanne Tokle, Karen Hartman, Tiffany Elsberry, Curt Whitaker, Chris Hunt, Tim Leishman, Ruiling Guo,

Absent but Excused: Aaron Todd

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger

Guests: Dr. Karen Hartman (Faculty Athletic Representative), Cody Sparrow (Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, General Counsel)

1. **Good Academic Standing and Extracurricular Activity Eligibility:** There is a lack of university policy clarifying if students who do not meet Good Academic Standing are still eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. According to an email sent from Provost Laura Woodworth-Nye in 2019, she stated that students who fall below a 2.0 could still participate in activities (a copy of that email is below). Therefore, we propose language in the university catalogue that reflects something similar to the following (note - the final language is not finalized): *A student not in Good Academic Standing remains eligible for all extracurricular activities as governed by the rules of the specific activity.*
  - a. Sparrow and Hartman presented their thoughts regarding the above policy issue.
    - i. Write the policy under Academic Standing
    - ii. This needs to be done for the circumstances of an internal audit by the NCAA
    - iii. The ask is for the sentence, "A good student not in Good Academic Standing remains eligible for all extracurricular activities as governed by the rules of the specific activity," to be added to the policy.
    - iv. Members took issue with the idea that students may read this as they can get away with poor academic performance and still participate in sports and other extracurricular activities.
    - v. Tokle recommended saying, "A student not in good academic standing remains eligible for all extracurricular activities; however, academic standards of the specific activity still apply."
    - vi. Fitzpatrick suggested saying, "A student not in good academic standing at ISU may maintain eligibility for extracurricular activity as long as they maintain a GPA as deemed acceptable by the governing body of the student's [extracurricular activity]."

- vii. Hartman will take the suggestions and reformulate the sentence. He will get back with ASC, Fall Semester 2021.

**2. Elect new Chair and Vice-Chair**

- a. Leishman nominated John Fitzpatrick for Chair
- b. Fitzpatrick nominated Whitaker as Chair to move from vice chair 2020-2021 to chair 2021-2022

**Action-** Burde motioned to approve Curt Whitaker as Chair and John Fitzpatrick as Vice Chair

Foley and Guo Seconded

Motion Carried Unanimously