

Official Minutes

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL

Friday, November 13, 2020 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

**Attendance:** Tiffany Elsberry, Tim Leishman, Michael Foley, Jerry Leffler, Aaron Todd, Joanne Tokle, Laura McKenzie, John Fitzpatrick, Deirdre Caputo Levine (in place of Carmen F, Curtis Whitaker, Anushka Burde, Ruiling Guo, Adam Bradford, Jeff Meldrum, Vince Bowen

**Recording Secretary:** Ann Medinger

**1) ISU Accelerated Baccalaureate to Master's Program Proposal**

- a) [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qw-oP7J8x6CoyMMv-RSTIpbVORJb2gtxWbpli\\_y6cF8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qw-oP7J8x6CoyMMv-RSTIpbVORJb2gtxWbpli_y6cF8/edit)
- b) Graduate Credit to fulfill UG Upper Division Credit requirement (page 2 of proposal)
- c) Dr. Adam Bradford presented the Accelerated Program Policy
  - i) Once policy has been accepted by ASC, it will go to Faculty Senate
  - ii) This is similar to the accelerated programs being offered by other institutions
  - iii) Discussion ensued
    - (1) Program shaves off a semester to a semester and a half in terms of time for graduate students
    - (2) McKenzie pointed out the in the course catalogue, Bachelor Degree graduation requirement mandating 36 credits of upper division coursework needs to be modified all allow the use of up to 12 credits of Idaho State University Graduate credits be allowed to meet the requirement.

**ACTION-** Fitzpatrick moved to approve the proposal

Whitaker seconded

Motion Carried Unanimously

**2) 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.

**3) 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

**4) Alternate Credit Opportunities**

- a) Change the Challenge Examinations Instructions
  - i) Specify that the college Dean of the course being challenged must approve

**5) Second Degree Policy**

- a) Review Standards on how many programs a student may pursue at once time
  - i) Currently ISU allows two, degree programs with up to two majors in each degree.
- b) Require unique content between two degrees (Do we need to create a policy to address the dual degree issue)
  - i) A discussion occurred as to whether we open this up to allow students pursue multiple degrees at once or do we limit the amount in some way.
    - (1) Guo spoke to how this issue impacts the College of Business
      - (a) Around three degrees is the max
      - (b) Limit is currently two
        - (i) Registration is willing to move it to four degrees with three majors
          - 1. This includes at least 12 credits of unique content for each major
      - (2) Meldrum mentioned that this is a matter of tracking degrees and doesn't require a lot of debate

**ACTION-** Fitzpatrick motioned to approve four degrees

Guo seconded

Motion Carried Unanimously

**ACTION-** Motion to adjourn

Motion seconded

Motion Carried

Mtg Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.