Academic Standards Council
Official Minutes for Friday, 18 March 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Curt Whitaker, Tim Leishman, Ruiling Guo, Jack Rose, Tiffany Elsberry, Joann Trimmer, Susan Belliston, Aaron Todd, Anushka Burde, Lyle Castle, Blake Beck

Absent but Excused: John Fitzpatrick

Recording Administrative Assistant: Ann Medinger

1. **Repeating Courses**
   Please review suggested revision to ISU policy on repeating courses, drafted by Curt Whitaker and Joann Trimmer. Revised language here attempts to observe concerns voiced at our last meeting within the parameters of ISU's Banner system. (action item; vote needed)

ACTION- Leishman moved to approve the suggested revision as put together by Whitaker and Trimmer in regards to the policy on repeating courses. The new language is as follows: "Students who wish an exception to this policy may contact the Dean's Office of their college to submit an undergraduate student petition to the Office of Academic Affairs."
   Belliston seconded
   Discussion
   Belliston moved to approve post discussion
   Guo seconded
   Motion carried unanimously

2. **Credit for Military Service and Joint Service Transcripts (JSTs)**
   Please review revised copy to our undergraduate catalog on credit for military service and JSTs, drafted by Office of the Registrar. The revisions do not change existing policy but only add more detailed explanation; no vote is therefore needed. Further revisions to language on the Registrar's website regarding this issue will be forthcoming at a subsequent meeting. (discussion item)

   A. Council members discussed the revised catalog copy as follows:
   "Credit for Military Service and Joint Service Transcript (JST)
   The application for admission to Idaho State University states that transcripts and training from all previous institutions must be reported as part of the

admission process. Examples of military training institutions that fall under the requirement may include, but are not limited to, the following:
• The United State Military Academy (USMA)
• The United States Naval Academy (USNA)
• The United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA)
• The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)
• The United States Air Force Academic (USAFA)
• The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)

Students who have earned Military Service credit through a regionally accredited Military school such as those listed above must provide ISU with an official l transcript during the admission process. The Joint Service Transcript (JST) is the official method of reporting all other military training, and falls under the same requirements listed above. Additionally, the Department of Veterans Affairs requires all prior coursework or training to be evaluated for students utilizing any chapter of education benefits under the G.I.Bill®, including training recorded on the JST. Students who received military training, recorded on their Joint Service Transcript (JST), must provide ISU with an official JST during the application process. Students may ask to have these training modules evaluated for college-bearing credit using ISU's PLA policy.

    B. Council members agreed upon the new language

3. **Certificates at ISU and Elsewhere**

Please read email thread from Lyle Castle and Joann Trimmer to become familiar with some issues pertaining to certificate programs, and review as well the links on "Examples of Certificate Programs at Some Neighbor/Peer Institutions." This issue is a large one that Academic Affairs and the Registrar's Office have asked us to look into to provide guidance. We will begin a discussion that will thus most likely continue into next school year. When our meeting has finished, I will ask those of you who are interested to stay after for a few minutes to sketch out how we can gather further information. (discussion item)

    A. Whitaker presented the topic and council members discussed the Governing Policies and Procedures from the State Board of Education and its according language.
        i) The board is going to revisit this policy this summer
        ii) Quality control is an issue
            a. We do not want ISU to become a "degree mill"
            b. We want to maintain standards while at the same time create growth and bring in new students
        iii) Discussion over this issued ensued

4. **Turnitin Plagiarism Service**

Blake Beck, Director of Educational Technologies and eISU, will address the group regarding recent developments with ISU's subscription to the Turnitin plagiarism detection service. (discussion item)

    A. Beck presented the service
        i) Have had it for quite a number of years now
        ii) Originality checker- tries to check to see if the student paid someone else to write it
        iii) Ability to let students submit their work and get a report card back to show them how much has been plagiarized
        iv) Draft Coach- in Google Docs for those who sign in using their ISU name and password: checks citations, grammar, and plagiarism
            a. Can be turned on by any Faculty Member in Moodle
            b. Question is, do we want to keep this turned on
            c. Discussion on how council members feel regarding this question took place, but no final decisions were made at this time.

5. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm