

Academic Standards Council

Agenda with Minutes for Friday, 21 April 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

HyFlex Meeting: Hypostyle 205A (Student Union Building) and Zoom

Attending: Curtis Whitaker, Tim Leishman, Tiffany Mitchell, Carrie Bottenberg, Ruiling Guo

Attending by ZOOM: Susan Belliston, Hala Abou Arraj, Jen Adams, Lyle Castle

Absent: John Fitzpatrick, Aaron Todd

Recording secretary: Lisa Hunt

1) ASC Offices

Our first order of business will be to choose a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 school year.

ACTION - Curtis Whitaker was voted in as ASC Chair for Academic Year 2023-2024
Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION – Susan Belliston was voted as Vice Chair for Academic Year 2023-2024
Motion carried unanimously.

2) ISU Withdrawal Policy

In our March meeting, Corey Zink, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, asked us to consider his proposal to revise ISU's current student withdrawal policy. This proposal was revised in consultation with Corey and Cindy Hill in Academic Affairs. Corey's first option requiring students to meet with their advisor before completely withdrawing from ISU has been removed. The second option includes adding a warning message when a student is about to completely withdraw from the university and then requiring students to submit an email to the Registrar's Office to confirm their complete withdrawal. Both Corey Zink and Cindy Hill in Academic Affairs have approved this version of the proposal.

ACTION - Susan Belliston motioned to accept this policy and send it to Faculty Senate
Ruiling Guo seconded
Motion carried unanimously

3) ISU Withdrawal Procedure

Hala Abou Arraj has sketched out the procedure involved when students completely withdraw from the University according to the policy proposed by Corey Zink. She will be working on the flexibility of the procedure by adding an option for students to send an email to the Registrar's Office confirming total withdrawal but encouraging them to meet with advisor first. It is one

more added step so that students know the scope of their decision if they completely withdraw from ISU.

4) Certificates Update

Vince Miller has supplied additional data regarding students who wish to earn certificates and minors in association with their Bachelor's degree.

ASC discussed whether the university should allow three peripheral credentials or just two. Tiffany Mitchell mentioned that there are three academic certificates adjacent to one of the Bachelor's Degrees within the College of Tech. ASC agreed that the better choice would be to set the limit at three rather than two certificates/minors per student in any given year.

5) Academic Integrity Update

The Academic Integrity Council is expected to be fully functional in the fall. They will address the issue of chatbots being used to complete work at ISU. It will be added to the ISU website with a student resource section and a faculty resource section for guidance. There will be general guidelines but flexible ones so that faculty can choose what syllabus policies should govern it in their classrooms. A link will be added to ISUPP 4000 Policy - Academic Integrity and Dishonest Policy for Undergraduate Students. This will be revised by AIC to include the issue of using AI in the future. Resources should be available to faculty should they want to incorporate AI into their course design.

As of now, ISU subscribes to academic integrity software provided by TurnItIn for faculty use to check students' work. Faculty will be free to determine whether they want to use AI in the classroom. As is the case now with academic dishonesty, faculty will be able to choose appropriate penalties for unethical use of AI by students. The University will have general guidelines for citation of AI, but it will be up to individual instructors to encourage or prohibit its use in their classrooms. Regarding faculty unethical use of AI, these problems will lie beyond the charge of the Academic Integrity Council.

Adjourned at 3:06p