Academic Standards Council
Agenda for Friday, 15 April 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger

1) ASC Format and Offices
We will need to discuss whether ASC should meet in person or via Zoom in the fall; we will also need to choose a chair and vice chair for the 2022-2023 school year. (action item; vote needed)

2) Repeating Courses and Regression
Please review suggested revision to ISU policy on repeating courses, drafted by Joann Trimmer. The language that has been removed has to do with what is called "regression," that is, enrollment in a course that prepares a student to take a more advanced course that the student has already passed. The argument against this policy is that prohibition of regression restricts students unnecessarily and affords no benefit to ISU. (action item; vote needed)

3) Data from Institutional Research on Certificates
Please review data supplied by Vince Miller at Institutional Research regarding the number of certificates awarded by department and college at ISU during the last twelve years. As we consider ISU policy concerning certificates, ASC members may find the data helpful in representing their constituents who may be most affected by any changes. (discussion item)

4) Turnitin Plagiarism Service
Guest: Dr. Nancy Legge (Professor, Department of Communication, Media, and Persuasion) will address ASC regarding Turnitin's Draft Coach and Authorship Service; she and Curt Whitaker are requesting ASC's endorsement of an Academic Integrity Committee at ISU. Please review email from Lyle Castle, as well as letters written by Dr. Legge and Curt Whitaker to ISU's Deans' Council and Faculty Senate. (discussion item)

The Deans' Council has asked ASC for specific guidance on whether Draft Coach should remain on or be turned off. (action item; vote needed)

The Deans' Council has also asked ASC to consider decision-making at ISU regarding technology that has a direct impact on academics. (discussion item)