

Academic Standards Council
Agenda for Friday, 16 December 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Absent:

Recording Administrator: Ann Medinger

1) English Proficiency Test Exemptions

Please review the proposal in [Box](#) submitted by Shawn Bascom, Associate Director of Admissions and International Services. The proposal is to waive the requirement to complete an English proficiency test for students who come to the U.S. from one of the countries on the given list. (action item)

2. Update from Academic Dishonesty Board on Turnitin's Draft Coach

Nancy Legge, Chair of the Academic Dishonesty Board, sent to ASC the following statement: "The Academic Dishonesty Board met on December 5, 2022, to consider the status of Turnitin's Draft Coach at ISU. This software program was suspended at the request of the ASC at its April 15, 2022 meeting, with instructions to the Academic Dishonesty Board to review this decision during the fall semester of 2022. Members of the Academic Dishonesty Board recommended unanimously that Draft Coach remain turned off indefinitely." (discussion item)

3) Dual Degrees

Please search through the Excel document in [Box](#) provided by Vince Miller and Chris Cessna in Institutional Research. There are two tabs to it: the first summarizes the number of dual degrees by college; the second lists the number of dual degrees by department. A dual degree occurs when a student earns two separate degrees from ISU rather than one degree with a double major. We have been asked to reduce duplication of credit at ISU, and converting dual degrees into double majors when possible will help accomplish this goal. Please take particular note of dual degrees in your own particular college. (discussion item)

4) Certificates

a) Website update from Curt Whitaker.

b) Recent Guidance from Idaho SBOE on Microcredentials.

Please read the document in [Box](#) from the Idaho State Board of Education on microcredentials and technical certificates. The new language in blue provides a more explicit definition of microcredentials than has existed in the past and introduces digital badges. As we formulate ISU policy on certificates, we will need to include guidance on these additional forms of credentialing. (discussion item)

5) Farewell to Ann Medinger

As you know from her email, Ann has taken another position in Academic Affairs after serving ASC so well for so long. Thank you, Ann!