

Academic Standards Council

Official Minutes for Friday, 17 September 2021, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Curt Whitaker, Ruiling Guo, Anushka Burde, Staci Phelan, John Fitzpatrick, Laura McKenzie, Tiffany Elsberry, Aaron Todd, Tim Leishman, Lyle Castle, Jack Rose

Absent: Susan Belliston

1) 2:00-2:40: SAT/ACT Requirement

Guests: Cindy Hill (Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs), Staci Phelan (Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management), Lyle Castle (Vice Provost for Academic Outreach)

Drs. Hill, Phelan, and Castle will discuss whether to retain the ACT/SAT exam as a requirement for admission to ISU. Please see PowerPoint file from Enrollment Management.

- i) Phelan went through slide show to address the possibility of removing SAT/ACT scores from admissions requirements
 - a. Spring of 2022- ALEX and English writing class will be used
- ii) ASK of ASC: Develop a recommendation on whether or not ISU should require SAT/ACT scores as a condition of admission
- iii) SBOE weigh-in on this topic
 - a. SBOE left it up to each institution to decide whether to use the SAT/ACT scores or not
- iv) Castle said deans are not against dropping these test scores as an admission requirement
- v) McKenzie said provisional admission standards for the homeschooled students and a select group of others, requires a diagnostic test for admissions.
- vi) Fitzpatrick suggested that we remove the necessity of ACT/SAT scores for admission but have an asterisk at the bottom stating that some scholarships require SAT/ACT scores for consideration as well as anyone with provisional admission requirements.
- vii) Process is to get recommendation to Faculty Senate. Once they approve, the recommendation will go back to Staci Phelan who will then present the recommendation to Admin Council and Leadership council.
- viii) Should we endorse some sort of motion where aCT/SAT are no longer required for acceptance?
 - a. Fitzpatrick is in support of such a motion. Many other institutions are adopting such a policy.
 - i. Recommendation is for a 3-year pilot program
 - b. Ruiling asked how this applies to international students

- i. By using a pilot program, we can assess the affects in this situation.
- ii. McKenzie said that according to policy, International students are not required to submit ACT/SAT scores
- c. McKenzie agrees with the 3-year pilot program
- d. Earliest this standard would change is Fall 2025
- e. Fitzpatrick

ACTION- Leishman motioned that we adopt the following language in the catalogue:

“New Freshmen

Application Steps for New Freshmen

1. Submit the Undergraduate Application. The form is online at <http://www.isu.edu/apply/>.
2. Pay the \$50 non-refundable application fee.
3. Submit an official high school transcript or GED test scores. Official transcripts must be mailed in a sealed envelope to Idaho State University directly from the awarding institution. Official transcripts by fax are permitted only when sent within the State of Idaho (from Idaho high schools or colleges). Transcripts may also be accepted as official if sent through secure e-transcript services directly from the issuing institution. Transcripts will not be accepted directly from a student.
4. Submit official transcripts to ISU for any non-ISU college credits for dual enrollment.
5. After high school graduation, submit an official copy of the final high school transcript, with your graduation date. Official transcripts must come directly from the awarding institution.

* Submission of official ACT and/or SAT scores are not required for admission to ISU through the summer semester of 2025. Students may elect to submit these scores for scholarship eligibility or course entry.

** Students seeking provision admission need to consult with the Office of Admission regarding submitting an assessment for university admission.

Fitzpatrick seconded

Motion Carried Unanimously

2) 2:40-3:10: Grade Changes

Guest: Lyle Castle (Vice Provost for Academic Outreach)

Dr. Castle will discuss the addition of the following language to [catalog copy](#) regarding grade changes after grading for a semester has ended: “No additional work may be considered in calculating a grade once grading has closed unless an incomplete was awarded for the grade and a course completion contract is in place.”

- i) ASK: for ASC to approve the above language to add to the catalogue: “No additional work may be considered in calculating a grade once grading has closed unless an incomplete was awarded for the grade and a course completion contract is in place.”
- ii) This will aid Faculty in being able to tell students, “no,” to doing more work after grades have been submitted.

ACTION- Fitzpatrick moved to approve the language as mentioned above, to be added to the catalogue.

Leishman seconded

Motion carried unanimously

3) 3:10-3:30: Academic Standing and Extracurricular Activities

Guest: Karen Hartman (Faculty Athletics Representative)

After conferring with ASISU and the ISU Debate Team, at the request of ASC last spring, Dr. Hartman has drafted the following language to be added to catalog copy: "A student not in Good Academic Standing remains eligible for all extracurricular activities; however, academic standards of the specific activity still apply (e.g., NCAA, debate, ASISU)." Please see email message from Dr. Hartman.

- 1) ASK: For ASC to adopt the following language to add to the catalogue: "A student not in Good Academic Standing remains eligible for all extracurricular activities; however, academic standards of the specific activity still apply (e.g., NCAA, debate, ASISU).

ACTION- Fitzpatrick motioned to adopt the language as described above for use in future catalogues at ISU.

Guo seconded

Motion Carried Unanimously

3:30-4:00: Pharmacotherapy Concentration in B.S. of Health Sciences- canceled

Guests: Chris Owens (Associate Vice President, College of Pharmacy and KASISKA Division of Health Sciences), Cynthia Tillotson (Director of Admissions, College of Pharmacy), and possibly Dr. Shanna O'Connor (Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy)

Drs. Owens, Tillotson, and O'Connor will discuss the request by the College of Pharmacy to count thirty-six professional credits toward undergraduate degree requirements. Please see email message from Chris Hunt, Associate Registrar.