

Academic Standards Council

Official Minutes for Friday, 16 September 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Room 102, Administration Building; Zoom

Attendance: Curt Whitaker, Tim Leishman, Joann Trimmer, Tiffany Mitchell, Aaron Todd, Lyle Castle, Susan Belliston, Hala Abou Arraj

Absent but Excused: Ruiling Guo, John Fitzpatrick

Recording Administrator: Ann Medinger

1) Certificates

ASC members reviewed in Box three items pertaining to certificates: 1) certificate webpages at several neighbor/peer institutions, 2) the Idaho SBOE policy on certificates, and 3) an Excel spreadsheet on the number of certificates awarded by department and college at ISU during the last twelve years. As ASC considers ISU policy concerning certificates, members may find the data helpful in representing their constituents who may be affected by any changes.

The documents above were shared with ASC last spring; Whitaker reported on some new guidance forthcoming from the ID SBOE and highlighted several issues ASC has been asked to think about in drafting policy on certificates. (discussion item)

SBOE Policy-

- Council discussed if the number of credits for a certificate should be higher than 7?
 - Other institutions have 12-15 or above, credits for Certificate completion
 - Geriatrics Certificate program is 8, which is the lowest number of credits for an ISU program
 - There are micro-certificates available as an add on to advanced technical certificates that require only 4 credits
 - Council members are generally in favor of raising the minimum number from 7, to 9
 - Consider the topic of Unique Content vs. Duplication
 - ASC members will talk with their constituents in regards to this topic
 - The topic of credits adding up to a double degree came up
 - It is usually up to the department but if a student receives an Associate's Degree, they must come back and complete an additional 8 credits for a secondary Associate's Degree. For an Additional Bachelor's degree, a student must come back and complete an additional 15 credits to receive the second Bachelor's Degree.

2) ASC Format

The group discussed whether ASC should meet in person, via Zoom, or through a combination of the two. (discussion item)

- After discussing the various options, the council decided to plan on HyFlex (a combination of the two) but in situations of short agendas, meet via zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:04 pm