

Academic Standards Council

Official Minutes for Friday, 16 February 2024, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

HyFlex meeting: Administration Building room AA 102, ZOOM

In Attendance: Curtis Whitaker, Carrie Bottenberg, Tim Leishman, Robin Lindbeck, Alex Rose

Absent: Susan Belliston, Jen Adams, Aaron Todd

Ex Officio: Hala Abou Arraj, Janna Graham, Tiffany Mitchell

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Hunt

1. Revision of ISU's GED Criteria

Janna Graham, Assistant Vice Provost, presented a proposal from Academic Affairs to revise ISU's criteria for admission for students applying with a GED.

Academic Affairs is requesting that ASC review the undergraduate admission requirements for GED completers and revise them for the 2024-2025 catalog.

ACTION – Robin Lindbeck motioned to accept the new GED criteria for the future ISU catalog. Alex Rose seconded.

Motion carried with 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

2. Vertical Credits

Curt Whitaker updated ASC on GERC's feedback on vertical credits and discussed further the proposed policy.

GERC was asked for feedback on how foreign language vertical credits will affect students' general education requirements. The GERC Chair is in favor of this proposed policy, but other GERC members were less comfortable with the proposal.

The vertical credit option would provide a smoother path for students interested in a course for heritage speakers; these students may speak a language competently, but their writing and grammatical skills may not be as strong and would benefit from a class designed to fit their skill level.

A Google Forms poll will be sent out in the coming week to ASC Reps to vote on the vertical credits policy.

3. Unique Content and a Second Degree/Major

Curt Whitaker updated ASC regarding the impact of unique content requirements in various units on campus.

4. Scholastic Appeals Committee

Policy for a Scholastic Appeals Committee is being discussed among various parties and should come before ASC for a vote at its March meeting.