

Academic Standards Council

Official Minutes for Friday, 15 September 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

HyFlex meeting: Pond SUB 3rd Floor, Snake River Conference Room, ZOOM

In Attendance: Curt Whitaker, Susan Belliston, Carrie Bottenberg, Timothy Leishman, Robin Lindbeck, Alex Rose

By ZOOM: Jen Adams

Ex Officio: Hala Abou Arraj

Ex Officio by ZOOM: Karen Appleby, Jesse Call-Feit

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Hunt

1. Policy on Complete Withdrawals

Hala Abou Arraj, University Registrar updated ASC on implementation of ISU's new policy on complete withdrawals. ASC approved this policy in April, and it was ratified by Faculty Senate in early May.

Key points:

- a) Undergrad students are urged to meet with an advisor
- b) This policy was activated as of September 2, 2023
 - a. Notifications are sent out to the Financial Aid Office and the Office of Advising
- c) Complete withdrawal deadline is October 27, 2023
 - a. Last day to withdraw – students must notify the Registrar's Office by email at 11:59pm or before; the next day the Registrar's Office will drop them manually
- d) The purpose of this new policy is to help students make sound decisions regarding withdrawals, while still allowing them the option of complete withdrawal on their own if they are under distress.

2. Academic Integrity Council

This new council made its [website](#) public at the beginning of this semester. Curt Whitaker updated the group on resources it provides for faculty, especially as students increasingly employ AI in their coursework at ISU.

- a) AIC was created to deal with plagiarism and cheating and with the use of AI
- b) ISUPP 4000 does not have wording regarding AI/ChatGPT use at this time, but it is currently being revised
- c) Faculty are encouraged to use the "Turnitin" tool to find AI in student work
- d) There is a contact link on the AIC website to report problems
- e) It will take more time and effort to study and integrate this new technology, faculty use

- f) The Scholastic Appeals Committee is separate from the Academic Integrity Council and its predecessor, the Academic Dishonesty Board. The Scholastic Appeals Committee does not investigate problems with academic dishonesty; rather, it reviews student grade appeals.

3) Certificates

ASC continued its ongoing consideration of certificates at ISU.

- a) Certificates must have nine credits minimum - only one program is affected by this decision and they are aware and adding another credit to the certificate (see doc in BOX)
- b) Students may be enrolled in two certificates at any one time.
- c) Students may accumulate as many certificates as they would like as long as they are not enrolled in more than two certificate programs at any one time.
- d) This restriction is meant to help students focus on their individual course of study and be less vulnerable to the marketing of certificates as this kind of credential becomes more popular on campus.
 - At the time of award, an individual ISU academic certificate must contain at least six credits that have not counted toward another academic certificate. This restriction will allow certificates to be stacked while still ensuring unique content between certificates.

Next ASC: Technical Certs v. Academic Certs

Adjournment: 2:55p