

Academic Affairs Council (AAC)
Meeting Minutes
11-8-2010

1. Attendance: Suzanne Hendricks, Chair, Sanjeev Agarwal, Paul Anderson, Brad Dell, Lee Burras, Greg Luecke, Dave Holger, Robert Martin.
2. The minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.
3. Library 160 credit change from .5 to 1 credit. This change has been approved by the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee after considerable debate. In the catalog the requirement will be for 1 credit. However, this requirement will only apply to entering freshmen Fall, 2011, and beyond. Students currently enrolled at ISU will be required to have .5 credit in Library 160.

A major part of the debate on this matter has to do with adjustments in various college requirements for graduation. There is no central minimum credits for graduation. Some colleges require 120, 124, 125 or 128 credits.

How will the change be communicated? The one year catalog complicates this change.

Do we need to defer this decision for a year in order for everyone to make needed adjustments in each program area?

It seems the issue here is making program adjustments in a timely order.

The AAC recommends that the Faculty Curriculum Committee and Library reconsider this credit change at this time. At least, the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee should defer this change for another year to allow departments/units to make adjustments and not make the change a part of the current catalog changes.

4. Considering the previous issue and others like it, what should be the role of the Academic Affairs Council? Is it enough to have the AAC serve as a check to determine whether or not the correct procedures have been followed?
5. Suzanne Hendricks raised the idea of having a University Outcomes Assessment Committee. Should we have this effort in place by the time of the next external review? Is this consistent with the Board of Regent's Strategic Plan?
6. The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 29, 2010, unless otherwise determined.