

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY MINUTES

Meeting: Academic Standards and Admissions Committee	Key Roles
Date: Wednesday April 14, 2021	Meeting Leader: Terri Boylston
Place: virtual	Support: Laura Bell
Start Time: 2:00 p.m.	End Time: 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC	LEADER
Approval of Minutes –March 31, 2021	Approved. Unanimous approval.
• OLD BUSINESS	
1A Winter Session – updates?	
1B. Update on ASAC approved policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop Limits [20-24] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date for Senate Approval 4/6 • Graduation with distinction – minimum of 60 ISU credits, with at least 50 credits as graded or Satisfactory-Fail courses [20-32] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First reading 4/6; Date for Senate Approval 4/20 • Repeat Credits [20-33] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First reading 4/6; Date for Senate Approval 4/20 	<p>The drop limit policy was updated to remove vet med from the policy as they are separate. This policy should have the second reading on April 6th.</p> <p>The policies for graduation with distinction and repeat credits have their second reading next week.</p>
1C. Posthumous degree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://catalog.iastate.edu/academics/#graduationtext • Possible Policy change – see attached policy 	<p>The policy was updated to reflect the student must be in good academic standing, enrolled in or completed 12 credits at ISU and a good member of the community and representative of Iowa State.</p> <p>The suggestion was to remove “above a 2.0 gpa”. If we leave it up to judgement, what is considered to be in good academic standing can vary by person. If we allow for a student to be awarded a posthumous degree within their first semester, they will not have a gpa yet, therefore the suggestion would be to remove the 2.0 gpa. The suggestion was to remove “good academic standing” from the policy. We want to be sure that we can award a posthumous degree to provide some solace to the family who is grieving.</p> <p>There are different judgement calls regarding who is a good representative of ISU and community. There is a principles of community page on the ISU website that define what a good member of the community means. We could include this as a metric in this policy to address concerns about potential situations of awarding posthumous degrees to students who were active shooters or harmed others. There is a suggestion to remove the statement about the student being a good member of the community.</p> <p>We can limit this to, for a student to be eligible for a posthumous degree the student must be enrolled at Iowa State at the time of their passing. Additional circumstances may be considered for example in situations where the student was deployed for military duty. It becomes a slippery slope for us to not award a posthumous degree to a student who was involved in a mass shooting. Students in these circumstances were most likely struggling with mental illness. This student’s family love their student. It would be up to the Deans and Provost for approval.</p>

	<p>Students can note medical withdrawal, but they do not have to. This up to the student. We can add a statement of “whose death was reasonably proximate to their enrollment at Iowa State.”</p> <p>With out of term withdrawal and tuition appeals has placed a cap on these appeals at 2 years. We could use this as a guideline as these situations, while different, are often for circumstances out of the student’s control.</p> <p>The deployment issue is worth mentioning to avoid concerns in the future. We will point out that we some circumstances such as deployment may be longer than what is reasonably proximate.</p> <p>“To be eligible, the deceased student’s death should be reasonably proximate to their enrollment at Iowa State; special consideration should be granted for circumstances such as departure due to military deployment or critical illness or injury.”</p> <p>Jennifer Suchan spoke with Dean Graves about this policy change as this policy is addressed in the Graduate College handbook as well. She will follow up with Dean Graves and the Vet Med College after this is completed. Jennifer will share this with Dean Graves and Dr. Danielson to speak with the committee about this policy.</p> <p>We may have to add certificates as well if we are going to allow students to pursue certificates.</p> <p>This policy is linked to the graduation requirements of the catalog at this time. The section under which this is listed pertains just to undergraduate degrees.</p> <p>Jennifer will reach out to Dean Graves to share this policy and ask if it would be appropriate to remove the Graduate College from the policy to allow the Graduate Council to review this policy. We could add a statement such as “Graduate College Handbook should be consulted regarding the granting of posthumous degrees for students that were enrolled in graduate and professional programs”.</p> <p>Change to “The Office of Student Assistance and Outreach will contact the family to determine their interest in granting of a posthumous degree, pending conversations with the Dean and Provost”.</p> <p>Action Item:</p> <p>Jennifer will share the Posthumous degree policy recommended and invite them to the next FSASAC meeting.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
<p>2A. Undergraduate Certificate – for students with AA degree</p>	<p>Tom Brumm, Chair of the 100 ideas for 100 days work team focusing on courses and pathways. They are working on ways to recruit students with AAS degrees. One way we could provide these students with a valuable educational experience and credentialling would be to provide them with a certificate. The current wording states the student would need to have a bachelor’s and obtain this concurrently or come back after earning their</p>

	<p>Bachelors. The change would be to number 8. The faculty senate curriculum committee discussed this issue this morning but did not vote.</p> <p>We could differentiate these certificates from other certificates obtained by students with a bachelor's if we wish. The first certificate they are working on is in Cybersecurity. There are many individuals who have their AAS and are working in this area. They could advance in their degree by having this certificate and do not need a bachelor's degree.</p> <p>This would be a non-degree seeking student and would impact Admissions. We would likely need a new category of student for admissions this certificate seeking option. Students with bachelor's degrees who come back to obtain a certificate are classified as a non-degree seeking student.</p> <p>Currently, there has not been a discussion with the Office of Admissions about this option yet.</p> <p>There is a graduate certificate in cybersecurity, there is a major in Engineering for undergraduates. This certificate option is not a terminal degree.</p> <p>Institutions, similar to ISU around the U. S. are offering professional certificates to students who do not have an bachelors. U of I offers a certificate to students who have an AA. Some differentiate the certificates awarded to those with an AAS from those who have a bachelors.</p> <p>Jennifer Suchan discussed with Doug Jacobson about this issue. This needs to be approved by the FSASAC and the Faculty Senate. As this is curricular, this will have to be approved by the curriculum committee. We will also need to have approval from the HLC.</p> <p>We will need to have discussions and clear guidance within the Office of the Registrar and Office of Admissions as well regarding tracking these students, requirements for the certificates and so forth.</p> <p>The hope is to have this ready for discussion and review at the start of the fall semester. We will have to think of the issues that have prevented this from being approved in the past as well. We will need to be mindful of what we name these certificates. There is a risk that students will state they have a degree from Iowa State when in fact they have a certificate.</p>
2B. Policies to discuss Spring 2021	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 2% Recognition (https://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife/gradingsystem/#honorsrecognitionext) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand-alone credits for dual majors and major-minor combinations https://catalog.iastate.edu/academics/#degreeplanningtext 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ivy College of Business – at least 15 credits of coursework in each major that is not used in other majors for students pursuing multiple majors https://catalog.iastate.edu/collegeofbusiness/#text 	
<p>2C. Policies to discuss Fall 2021</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer Deficiencies https://catalog.iastate.edu/admissions/#transfercreditstext 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm Grade Reporting vs Early Alert 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor signatures – drops/adds 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress/Probation/Warning and Reinstatement Policies 	
<p>2D. Policy/Issue Prioritization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 100 Ideas in 100 Days discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the policy that allows Academic Standards Committee in each college to set higher GPA and other requirements for re-admitting students (following dismissal) – consistency across colleges - table to 2021-2022 – to be addressed by Probation Communications work group (SB) • Review and revise the Progress/Probation/Warning Policy – differences for students with > 75 credits – The entire policy needs reviewing – table to 2021-2022 – to be addressed by Probation Communications work group (SB) • Maximum credit limit per term (18 cr – undergrad) – while exceptions are allowed, this could be an obstacle for some high-achieving students and may impact time to degree – also should there be different limits for students on probation/warning or reinstated? (https://catalog.iastate.edu/registration/#limitsholdstext) • Review policy for transfer deficiencies • Other Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Integrity – online courses/exams • Academic Renewal 	

- To be eligible ‘Students must not have graduated from Iowa State University’
- Question – are students eligible in they transferred to another university, earned a degree and want to return to ISU?
<https://catalog.iastate.edu/registration/#reinstatementrenewaltext>
- Posthumous degree
- Academic misconduct – sanction for students dropping courses who have been accused of academic misconduct
(https://catalog.iastate.edu/academic_conduct/#academicdishonestytext)

FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings on Wednesdays at 2:00-3:00 PM
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