# Iowa State University Minutes

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## OLD BUSINESS

### 1A. Homeschool Policy
- Not approved at FS-EB
- Supported 1st paragraph
- Concerns with policy for students without independently graded coursework
- Revise and resubmit to EB

FS-EB reviewed the proposed policy.

The policy states on grades assessed to students by an independent third party will be considered to have a GPA. If the student does not have enough independently assigned grades to have a GPA the student’s test scores (ACT, SAT, etc.) would be considered.

FS-EB expressed concerns that focusing on the ACT score would place students at an advantage over others.

GPA is a major factor in admission and scholarship award decisions at ISU.

Phil included information about the RAI formula for admission. Language was added to that shared “GPA may be considered for admission and scholarships on and individual basis” and the students “entire academic record” will be considered.

There is a trend that schools are moving toward making testing optional. Currently, we will not consider a student for admission without an ACT score. In the future, this could be changed. If should make a change where tests are optional, this could become a requirement for this population.

For students who do not have a GPA, we will continue to look at the student’s record to make the best evaluation for admissions decisions.

Suggestion of adding language that shares scholarships awarded may not be provided for the entirety of the students 4 years at ISU.

Action Item:
Re-submit to FS-EB for review and approval.

### 1B. Period 2 Drops
- Signature from advisor required for drops
- Signature from advisor and instructor for adds, change sections, or adjust course credit hours (no change)
- On agenda for next Academic Affairs Council meeting
- Update (clarification) – when Period 1 ends - Jennifer

Academic Council did not meet last month.

IT shared there is not a specific time period for when Period 1 ends. The absolute end date would be between 11:55 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on that Friday.
**1C. Policy for students with military service obligations – review**

- Absences due to military service/training: [http://catalog.iastate.edu/academic_conduct/](http://catalog.iastate.edu/academic_conduct/)
- Procedures for students called to active duty: [https://www.veterans.iastate.edu/for-students/current-students/active-duty](https://www.veterans.iastate.edu/for-students/current-students/active-duty)

Updates to proposed policy were sent to the leadership of the Veterans Center. Many students contact the Veterans Center frequently to ask about accommodations for their military service. The Veterans Center leadership did approve of the changes, however, they preferred to have the accommodations included.

Refer to Excusable Absences for Non-Curricular Reasons in the catalog for examples and 10.4.3.3 Military Services in the Faculty Handbook.

First paragraph – add clarifying language at end of the paragraph:

“Examples of acceptable accommodations are included in the paragraph on ‘Excusable Absences for Non-Curricular Reasons’ in the catalog ([https://catalog.iastate.edu/academic_conduct/academic_conduct.pdf](https://catalog.iastate.edu/academic_conduct/academic_conduct.pdf))”

Vote: Approved, unanimous

**1D. Catalog Reinstatement Procedures**

- Proposal to modify #6 – Reinstatement/Renewal to allow each college Academic Standards Committee to specify the procedures for requesting a waiver of dismissal.

Which college are we using if a student is changing their college? This would be early in the student’s reinstatement.

Added clarifying language: The student must follow the procedures for the Academic Standards Committee of the college over which they are requesting early reinstatement.

It is still up to the committee to approve/deny the student.

Vote: Approved, unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

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<th>2A. Policy for setting minimum grade requirements for pre-reqs if minimum grade requirements already in place for program</th>
<th>Clarifying language was added, to account for students who only enroll in summers. “A single summer term GPA cannot determine academic standing. Academic Standing following a summer term must be based upon the combined term GPA (summer plus preceding term)...” Vote: Approved, unanimous; consent agenda item</th>
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<td>2D. Summer Combined Term GPA Policy</td>
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<td>- Review suggested language change <a href="http://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife/progressprobation/#summeracademicstandards">http://catalog.iastate.edu/academiclife/progressprobation/#summeracademicstandards</a></td>
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<td>2E. Academic Renewal –</td>
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<td>- To be eligible ‘Students must not have graduated from Iowa State University’</td>
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<td>- Question – are students eligible in they transferred to another university, earned a degree and want to return to ISU?</td>
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<td>2F. Minimum GPA for International Transfer Applicants –</td>
<td>There is a desire to change the minimum GPA requirement for transfer students, domestic and international, to 2.25 and for all colleges.</td>
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<td>There is suspicion that the different GPA minimum requirements were set due to concerns about the rigor of international schools. Currently, the requirements for the minimum GPA requirements are as follows: domestic transfer students is 2.25, international transfer students 2.3 and for international transfer students enrolling in the College of Engineering the minimum requirement is 2.7.</td>
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<td>This request is coming from the College of Engineering. Changing the minimum GPA will level the playing field for students.</td>
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<td>Action Steps:</td>
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<td>- Gather data regarding what the other regent institutions have in place</td>
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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meetings are scheduled for every two weeks, on Thursday from 1:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Mach 26, 2020; 3150 Beardshear Conference Room
- April 9, 2020; 3150 Beardshear Conference Room
- April 23, 2020; 3150 Beardshear Conference Room