

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee (ASH)

2018-2019

Fall semester committee meetings were held in August, September, and October 2018. Spring semester meetings were held in January, February, March, and April 2019.

The LSU Communication Certificate proposed to recognize students who have completed a certain number CxC courses was reviewed and approved in August 2018. This will be a non-degree certificate.

The Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher Program proposal was reviewed and approved in September 2018.

A proposal to revise the University Medal policy was submitted by the E.J. Ourso College of Business. The proposal was reviewed in August. The ASH committee suggested further revisions, and the amended proposal was reviewed in September, further amended, and reviewed again in October. Proposal was tabled at the October 2018 meeting until the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year when more data will be available.

A Leave of Absence (LOA) policy for undergraduate students was proposed by Digital and Continuing Education/Office of Academic Affairs. Proposal was approved.

A proposal from Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs for undergraduate certificate program was reviewed by ASH in January 2019. This proposal was a request to propose guidelines, so the ASH committee was asked to review. No approval was required.

Request to change the established 25+ policy by providing more opportunity for adult participation. Proposal was approved at the January 2019 meeting.

Proposal from the Office of Academic Affairs for faculty input on prior learning assessments (PLAs) for general admission to the university. A faculty-driven process for awarding student's college credit for verifiable and demonstrated knowledge was proposed. Committee suggested revision to include that the awarding of credit would be assessment driven, not just experience based, and would be decided by the department in which credit would be earned. Proposal was approved at the January 2019 meeting.

Proposal by the College of Art and Design to change the review process to occur at the end of the second year rather than the current review at the end of the first year. This will allow students a longer period of time to take a greater variety of coursework to include in their portfolios and give them more time to opt for other focus areas if unsuccessful in their first choice. Proposal was approved in February 2019.

Proposal for a new online MS program in Civil Engineering was reviewed, discussed, and approved by the committee in March 2019.

Graduate School Academic Renewal policy was reviewed and approved in April 2019.

Vacancies on committee were filled for the upcoming year. Cathleen Williams will serve as chair for 2019-2020, and Kanchan Maiti will serve as secretary for 2019-2020.