

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee (ASH)

2019-2020 Report

Fall semester committee meetings were held in September, November, and December, 2019. Spring semester meetings were held in April (by email) and May, 2020.

The School of Education's proposal to change the admission standards for the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, specifically to drop the GRE requirements for the master's degree, was reviewed and approved in September, 2019.

The Associate Dean's Academic Council submitted a proposal in September, 2019, to change the Grade Exclusion Policy in 2 ways. The first change proposed was to remove the option of exempting certain courses from grade exclusion. The second proposed change was to include capstone courses in the type of courses not eligible for grade exclusion. After discussion, the ASH committee approved the proposal.

The ADAC also submitted a proposal in September, 2019, to change the W grade policy. The proposal included changing the current 3 tier system in which 3 withdrawals are allowed in the first 59 hours (tier 1), 3 in tier 2 (60-119 hours), and 1 withdrawal in tier 3 (>119 hours). Also in the current policy, the unused W's may not carry over to the next tier. The proposed change was a 2 tier policy, with 3 withdrawals allowed in tier 1 (0 to 59 hours) and 4 withdrawals allowed in tier 2 (>60 hours). Additionally, the unused W's in tier 1 may carry over to tier 2, allowing students more opportunities to withdraw from upper level, more advanced courses. The ASH committee asked the ADAC to consider changing the 2 tiers to allow 4 W's in tier 1, and 3 W's in tier 2 as students tend to have more problems in the first 60 hours. The ASH committee also asked the ADAC for more justification for making the proposed changes.

At the November, 2019, we had the second reading of the W policy. The ASH committee felt that the submitted revisions were not sufficient and asked for stronger justification for the proposed changes. None were submitted for a 3rd reading. No vote was ever taken on this proposal and no changes were made.

December, 2019 meeting a proposal was submitted by the College of Engineering to change the admission criteria for the Construction management BS program to include MATH 1431 or MATH 1550 with C or better (formerly, MATH 1431 was not an option). Proposal was approved.

Also at the December 2019 meeting, a proposal to revise the University Medal policy (previously submitted by the E.J. Ourso College of Business in 2018) was resubmitted by the Associate Dean's Academic Council. The proposed policy change would limit the awarding of the University Medals only to students earning all A grades (A-, A, A+) with a minimum GPA of 4.0 required. Additionally, the new policy states that when the above criteria are not met, no medal will be awarded. The policy changes were approved by ASH.

In April, 2020, the ASH committee developed recommendations for the Pass/Fail option for students for the spring 2020 semester in response to the Covid 19 situation. These recommendations were submitted to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on April 2, 2020.

At the May, 2020 meeting, vacancies created by members with terms expiring were filled for the upcoming year. The committee approved a request to add a member from the College of Art and Design, as this is the only college not represented on the ASH committee. Cathleen Williams was elected serve as chair, and Kanchan Maiti was elected to serve as secretary for 2020-2021.

Respectfully submitted to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on May 20, 2020.

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