

# SAASC (Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee) Agenda

Tuesday, October 10

12:30-1:30 pm

Zoom: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/85722115363>

## Committee Members

- Antonio Garcia, College of Social Work - HERE
- Sarah Hall, College of Medicine - HERE
- David Murrugarra, College of Arts & Sciences - HERE
- Clare Rittschof, College of Agriculture, Food & Environment - HERE
- Thomas Troland, College of Arts & Sciences - HERE
- Leslie Vincent, Chair, Gatton College of Business & Economics - HERE
- Alfred Wiemann, College of Dentistry – HERE
- Jinming Yang, College of Medicine - HERE
- Scott Yost, College of Engineering
- Christine Harper, informational resource, Enrollment Management
- RaeAnne Pearson, informational resource, OSPIE

## Committee Charge

The SAASC is broadly charged with making recommendations related to admissions, academic standards, progression, and graduation requirements. The SAASC shall be comprised of two permanent subcommittees, the Admissions Subcommittee, and the Academic Standards Subcommittee. Recommendations must move forward to Senate through the committee, not directly from a subcommittee.

### 1.4.2.3.1.1 Admissions Subcommittee Charge [US: 9/11/2023]

The Admissions Subcommittee is charged with the following:

1. Making recommendations establishing the University's admissions policies, changes in requirements, and standards for admissions decisions;
2. Establishing automatic admissions criteria and the parameters through which applicants who have not met the automatic admissions criteria may be admitted;
3. Soliciting a report annually from the University's office responsible for undergraduate admissions, which shall contain enrollment goals for first-time freshmen and transfer cohorts established in consultation with the colleges, and using that to recommend admissions levels, considering constraints such as faculty-to-student ratio and capacity for serving students, as well as recommending circumstances under which admissions should be closed, such as when the desired class size has been reached;
4. Serving as an appeals board for applicants for admission whose applications were rejected (SR 4.2.1.1.1.2.2). (The SAASC's decision under this appeal stage constitutes the final University decision on the application.);
5. Recommending appropriate cut-off scores for the CLEP, AP, PEP and IB examinations (SR 5.2.1.1); and
6. Reviewing proposals and making recommendations related to program-related admissions and University-level admissions policies.

### 1.4.2.3.1.2 Academic Standards Subcommittee Charge [US: 9/11/2023]

The Academic Standards Subcommittee shall be charged with making recommendations related to academic standards, progression requirements, and graduation requirements. The Academic Standards Subcommittee is specifically charged with the following:

1. Making recommendations regarding grading rules.
2. Reviewing and recommending policies related to college-level requirements.
3. Reviewing and recommending policies related to granting academic credit, graduation requirements, and probation and suspension.
4. Reviewing and recommending conditions of merit and circumstance for graduation requirements, degree honors conferred upon graduating students, and honorary degrees.

***Subcommittee membership:***

***Admissions:***

***Scott Yost (Chair)***

***Sarah Hall***

***Antonio Garcia***

***Academic Standards:***

***Leslie Vincent (Chair)***

***David Murrugarra***

***Clare Rittschof***

***Thomas Troland***

***Alfred Wiemann***

***Jinming Yant***

**Old Business**

Review SR 10.3 (or 10.6)

**Update:** E-mails from Chair Collett sent to the committee requesting a review and update of SR 10.3 (or 10.6).

***Discussed on 9/26/2023***

***Scott Yost and Leslie Vincent will plan a separate meeting to discuss the work that has been done in the past and how to move forward with this agenda item.***

**Uniformed Services and SR 5.2.5.2.3.2**

This item was sent back to the committee from Senate Council. Senate Council would like the committee to solicit input from Veteran's Affairs including clarification and review of the language. In particular, why would non-armed services be approved by a different entity than for armed services? Also need to use consistent language in the rules. This will need to be reviewed by the committee again.

Discussed at SC on 4/24/23 and sent back to committee. Need to follow up with K. Turner to reach out to other areas on campus that may be impacted by this change.

***9/26/2023***

***An email was sent to K. Turner to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposal and share with other areas. We are working on scheduling the meeting.***

Permissive Withdrawals

**Update:** This proposal was sent from SREC to SAASC some time ago. A follow-up email will be sent to SREC to see if this is an issue that still needs attention from SAASC and if so, clarification as to what is needed will be requested.

Proposed Change to PhD Nursing (Joint PhD Nursing with ASPU, Amman, Jordan)

Received 11/11/2022

***Discussed on 9/26/2023:***

***The committee decided to invite proposer to next committee meeting to discuss the proposal and questions. A follow-up email was sent and the proposers plan to join for the meeting on October 10.***

**Discussed 10/10/2023**

**Proposers joined the meeting to discuss the program. Jordan has not approved the program because it has more online content than is allowed. So for now, this will not be a joint degree and students will take the exact same requirements and will only earn the degree from UK. Admissions standards are the same and the faculty that are teaching in Jordan are considered members of the Graduate School at UK. The courses enrolled in courses that are UK. The UK PhD in Nursing program has approval for online/hybrid delivery. The committee chair will follow up with Senate Council office to see what next steps need to be given this new information.**

New Business

(Acad Standards)\_ Proposed Change to Grad Cert in College Teaching and Learning

Received 9/27/2023

No comments from SC Office.

**Discussed 10/10/2023:**

**Motion to approve contingent upon receipt of letter of faculty support by T. Troland. Second by S. Yost.**

**Vote: 7 in favor, 1 abstain**

(Acad Standards)\_ Proposed Change to BSCHE Chemical Engineering

Received 9/29/2023

No comments from SC Office.

**Discussed 10/10/2023:**

- The committee would like to know if Chemistry has been informed of the proposed changes and if this course will continue to be offered for other programs.
- Have the changes to CME courses been approved?

- If the credit hours change for the revised courses - are current students going to end up with more than 128 credit hours during this transition? How will this transition happen with current students? If the credit hours exceed 128, does this violate CPE guidelines?

(Acad Standards)\_ Proposed Change to Graduate Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion

Received 9/29/2023

No comments from SC Office.

Discussed 10/10/2023:

Motion to approve contingent upon letter of faculty support by T. Troland. Second by S. Yost.

Vote: Passes unanimously.

SAASC (Acad Standards)\_ Proposed Change MS Statistics

Received 9/29/2023

SC Office comments:

#### Curriculog

- Q1b: It is possible that the box for changing total required credit hours should be checked. See comments below.

#### Curriculum Workbook

- Tab A, Q2: The Graduate School no longer requires the GRE/GMAT. It would be useful to confirm with the proposer that upon approval of the proposed language, the program will not have a GRE/GMAT requirement. (It's a new policy, so I'm just double checking.)
- Tab C, Q3: It would be helpful to know how many guided electives are required.
- Tab G, Q2: The Graduate Catalog reflects that the program is 35 credit hours but here it says the program requires 30 credit hours.
- The language below is in the Graduate Catalog but not in the proposal. Should this information be removed, or should it stay unchanged?

*Programs of study for Plan B require a total of at least 35 semester hours. Students will typically fulfill this requirement by taking electives (additional courses besides the shared core and track requirements) in the Fall and Spring of their second year. Programs of study for Plan A (with thesis) require a total of at least 30 semester hours which are satisfied by either of the two course lists above plus 1 or more hours of STA 768 or additional coursework.*

*The electives can be selected from the menu of courses listed below. Before the end of the second semester, the M.S. candidate must present a proposed plan of study for approval by the Director of Graduate Studies. There are no formal minor requirements.*

**Discussed 10/10/2023:**

**Has Math been informed of the proposed removal of the math course.**

(Acad Standards)\_ Proposed Change PhD Statistics

Received 9/29/2023

SC Office Comments:

Curriculog

- Q1b: According to Tab G in the curriculum workbook, the total required credit hours ARE changing.

Curriculum Workbook

- Tab A, Q5: I may be missing something, but there seems to be a disconnect between the courses on which students will be tested and the major courses (as described in Tab B, Q4).
- Tab C, Q2: I have comments about a handful of these courses.
  - A minor course change was submitted for STA 607 but was returned to the proposer. I am not sure if this affects the program proposal or not.
  - Although it's currently listed as a guided elective in the program in the current Graduate School Catalog, I can't find a record of STA 616.
  - STA 629 is a newly added guided elective, but I can't find a record of it, either.
- Tab D: This information can be deleted, as it is in Tab C.

(Acad Standards)\_ Proposed Large Ensemble Policy

Received 10/3/2023

SC Office Comments:

Because the policy affects more than one program, this was not submitted as part of a program change. The proposed new language is attached and the file can also be accessed [here](#). John Nardolillo is the proposer.

Discussed 10/10/2023

Can you provide a track changes version to the committee comparing the original to the changed. Use strikeout and highlight the proposed changes.

SAASC Meeting Dates – 2023-24

- ~~October 10~~
- October 24 (no meeting due to Fall Break)
- November 7
- November 21
- December 5
- December 19

## Completed Items

- Accelerated BSN Admissions