

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Oct 31, 2025

Time: 10-11am

Location: Shalaina's Zoom Room: <https://lowercolumbia.zoom.us/j/7409028273>

Attendees: Josie Zbaeren, Shane Prine, Fox Leavens, Kailie Drumm, Stefan Rijnhart, Trey Batey, Louis Lapierre, Nathan Shepherd, Rick Swee, Magnus Altmayer, Rosemary Perkins, Dr. Kristen Flnnel.

*Chair: **Nathan Shepherd***

*Support: **Shalaina Williams***

*Guests: **Ashleigh Kruckenburg***

Agenda Topics

1. Selection of Chair Nominations were opened for the position of Chair. Nathan Shepherd and Louis Lappiere were both nominated. Nathan Shepherd accepted the nomination; Louis Lappiere declined.
 - a. Motion: To accept Nathan Shepherd as Chair.
 - b. Action: Motion carried. All in favor.
- Introductions of members for guests in attendance.
2. Medical and/or Hardship withdrawals form Magnus shared details about a proposal to allow students to request a medical and/or hardship withdrawal directly through the Registration Office, thereby removing Academic Standards Committee (ASC) coordination from the process. Discussion took place.
 - a. Motion: To delegate authority for medical, hardship, and death withdrawals to the Registration Office and remove this responsibility from the Academic Standards Committee.
 - b. Action: Motion carried. All in favor.
3. Continuous Approval - Kristen shared details regarding duplicate requests for the same consideration submitted by multiple students. The proposal suggested that if a request has been approved for one student, identical requests from other students should be automatically approved without committee oversight.

A discussion took place. Concerns were raised regarding potential changes to syllabi, program requirements, and other factors that might justify continued committee oversight. It was noted that Registration emphasized the importance of addressing student needs promptly and the ability to move forward without waiting for committee meetings.

 - a. Motion: To automatically approve requests for the same courses or considerations that have been previously approved.

- b. Action: Motion moved by Rick, seconded by Louis. Motion carried. All in favor.
- 4. [Bylaw](#) review A draft with suggested edits were reviewed with the committee.
 - a. Action: Table. Will move to the next meeting.
- 5. [Petition Review](#)
 - a. Review 5 petitions:
 - b. 5 approved
 - c. 0 denied
- 6. Next meeting: ~~Friday, Nov 21 11-12pm~~ or ~~Friday, Dec 5 10-11am~~

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