

**Charges for the Academic Standards Council
2009 - 2010**

Standing Charges:

1. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of educational and academic standards.
2. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of educational and academic standards in curricular issues.
3. Liaise with university officials responsible for all academic policy matters to conduct an ongoing review of their effectiveness.

Additional Charges for 2009-2010:

1. Develop strategies to implement and communicate the Academic Integrity Policy approved by the Senate on September 8, 2008.
2. Report to the Senate on the prevalence and justifications for the use of “exceptions” to the curriculum (e.g., the use of course waivers, the use of 100-level courses as Upper-level electives) and recommend a standard policy.
3. Develop academic standards and basic guidelines for online courses.
4. Assess the academic efficacy (e.g., learning outcomes, prerequisites) in the concentrated-course formats (Winter session, 3- and 4-week summer sessions).
5. Report on the number of credit hours required for a student to receive Latin honor (i.e. cum lauda, magna cum laude, summa cum laude) in light of the new 120-credit requirement for graduation and recommend any changes that would make it more probable that students could achieve honors within the 120-credit limit.
6. Develop a protocol for liaison relations with the administration (e.g., to evaluate the effectiveness of academic standards policies).

Please note:

The Additional Charges are listed in order of priority.

Please keep minutes of each meeting and forward them, once approved, to the Vice Chair of the Senate for posting on the Council’s page. Please follow the format which the Vice Chair will distribute to the Council at its first meeting. [Copies of the minutes for meetings held in 2008-2009, if available, would be appreciated.]

Please prepare an oral report, not to exceed 10 minutes, for the Senate meeting of Tuesday, March 23, 2010, on the Council’s accomplishments for the year.

Please submit a written Year-End Report to the Vice Chair of the Senate no later than May 10, 2010. Please follow the format which the Vice Chair will distribute to the Council at its first meeting.