Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, February 23, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am. Lori Robison presided.

In attendance: Jeff Carmichael, Krista Lynn Minnotte, Karen Peterson, Karyn Plumm, Christina Fargo, Erich Jauch, Jerath Sukvarsh, Ryan Zerr

I. Approval of minutes from February 12, 2016. Motion to approve, seconded. Four abstained, motion carried.

II. Director’s Report:
- Assessment Week comes to an end today.
- 40 people attended last Tuesday’s meetings to discuss the ES Core concept. A survey was distributed soliciting feedback.
- The ES Office is going through the same budget cutting exercise as other units across campus. It’s unclear what, if any, impacts there might be.

III. Validations
- **PtrE 485: Research Design**
  - Breadth of Knowledge: Communication (Oral)
  - ES Goal: Communication (written and oral)
  Motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously
- **PtrE 405: Petroleum Economy and Law**
  - Breadth of Knowledge: Social Science
  - ES Goal: Thinking & Reasoning
  Motion to not approve, motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. Faculty on the committee from the Social Sciences indicated that PtrE 405 does not appear to be a Social Science course. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.

IV. Revising the revalidation process:

The draft BoK revalidation form distributed prior to the meeting was discussed. The following points were made:

- An item asking for a contact person should be included on the form.
- Item 4a seems misplaced; it should appear within the “course information” section.
- The idea of allowing multiple goals to be chosen was discussed, and there was widespread support for continuing with that approach.
- In the section on program participation, there should be an item that asks people to indicate what they’re already doing to support ES.
- Add an item 2b that asks for a few sentences that explain how the course still fits within the current BoK area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.