Minutes of Essential Studies Committee September 8, 2015

1) A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on September 8, 2015 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Lori Robison presided.

2) In attendance: Krista Lynn Minnotte, Melissa Gjellstad, Kenneth Flanagan, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Karen Peterson, Donovan Widmer, David Yearwood, Karyn Plumm, Joan Hawthorne, Ryan Zerr, Jacob Geritz, Christina Fargo
   Absent: April Bradley, Beth Bjerke, Jeff Carmichael, Tanis Walch, Carla Spokely

3) Approval of the Minutes from August 28, 2015 – Kenneth Flanagan moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously.

4) Student Petitions
   - Student #0-F15
     - Essential Studies Requirement: Oral Communication
       Petition committee moved to approve. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously.

   - Student #1-F15
     - Essential Studies Requirement: Oral Communication
       Petition committee moved to approve. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously.

5) Lori Robison led discussion about ES Director’s role regarding student petitions which led to ESC to vote on two items:
   - Should ES Director be a member of and vote on student petitions subcommittee?
   - Should ES Director have power to review/grant student requests before student is directed to submit a petition?

Joan Hawthorne moved to approve the requests. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously with the expectation that the director report on the number and type of issues handled in this way. The director will log and include this information in an annual report to the ES Committee.

6) Lori presented a summary compiled by her and Ryan from the last meeting, and also gave a brief history of the development of ES.
   - ES Goals
     - There is general interest in having further discussion about the goals of ES, particularly creative thinking.
   - Special Emphasis discussion
     - Transfer issues
     - Adding ‘Research’ as a future Special Emphasis
     - Remove ‘A’ from Capstones

Remaining items from ‘discussion list’ were introduced briefly.

7) Meeting adjourned 3:10 PM
   Recorded by Ryan Zerr, Director of Essential Studies