Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, January 17 at 1:00 pm

I. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on January 17 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Ken Flanagan presided. In attendance at the meeting: Brad Reissig, Mark Jendrysik, Brooke Solberg, Alena Kubatova, Dave Yearwood, Lori Robison, Joan Hawthorne, Scott Correll, Christina Fargo, Ryan Zerr, Kristen Borysewicz, Sandra Mitchell, Carla Spokely

II. Ryan Zerr moved to approve minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

III. Director’s Report
- ES Diversity Committee met for the first time Jan 13 and will continue to meet Spring ‘17
- Assessment Week sign up currently over 200 students
- Campus Strategic Initiative meetings to be held January 19 & 24

IV. Student Petitions
- Student #29-S17
  - Essential Studies Requirement: United States Diversity
    - Petition committee made motion to grant US Diversity credit. Petition committee moved to approve the motion, the motion was seconded by Ken Flanagan, voted upon and carried unanimously.

V. Revalidations
- Subcommittee III
  - table until January 31 meeting with department supplemental information

VI. Tabled Validations
- Counseling 399: Relationships, Sexuality, and Violence Prevention
  - Breadth of Knowledge: Social Science
  - Goal: Diversity
  - ESC concerns
    - student frustrations over only 1 credit for Social Science
    - Degree Audit would work only if title added (not special topics)

VII. Recommendations from Special Emphasis Revisions subcommittee
- Lori Robison led discussion/handout
- subcommittee suggests that the ESC develops a more stringent set of guidelines for all ES courses/include high-impact practices
- ‘A’ will remain in Capstone but removing the ‘A’ from the Capstone is still a suggestion

VIII. Role of ES in the Liberal Arts Strategic Initiative
- Ryan Zerr led discussion
- handouts made available to ESC members of the action steps

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely. Next meeting Jan 31 at 2:00 pm.