Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, February 14 at 1:00 pm

I. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on February 14 in Carnegie, Rm 102; Ken Flanagan presided. In attendance at the meeting: Brooke Solberg, Beth Bjerke, Clement Tang, Lori Robison, Karyn Plumm, Joan Hawthorne, Christina Fargo, and Ryan Zerr.

II. Ryan Zerr moved to approve minutes from the January 31, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and with six in favor and one abstention, motion carried.

III. Director’s Report
   - Assessment week is going smoothly.
   - Assignment Design Workshop will be held April 10th; details will be coming soon.

IV. Student Petition
   - Student #32-S17
     - Essential Studies Requirement: ENGL 130
   Ryan Zerr made motion to deny ENGL 130 credit. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

V. Tabled Validation
   - Honors 103: Inquiry in the Sciences
     - Special Emphasis: US Diversity (course already validated for M,S,T and Information Literacy)
   Joan Hawthorne made motion to approve HON 103 for US Diversity. Joan asked that the department be notified that there are reservations regarding the current MST designation for the course based on the lack of STEM content; the committee will look at the MST content closely when the course is up for revalidation. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a vote of seven in favor and one opposed.

VI. Interstate Passport
   - Ryan Zerr moved to establish a policy for students who have completed the Interstate Passport. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Policy: If a student has completed the interstate passport at another institution and transfers to UND; UND will consider the Essential Studies requirements for the Breadth of Knowledge and Special Emphasis categories to be complete. The student will be required to complete the Capstone requirement at UND.

VII. U & G requirements revisions updated
   - Lori Robison gave an update on the sub-committee meeting and asked for recommendations on how the ES committee would like the sub-committee to move forward. Discussion on this topic will continue at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm, minutes recorded by Christina Fargo. Next meeting February 28 at 2:00 pm.