Minutes of the Senate Essential Studies Committee August 29, 2008

1. A meeting of the SES Committee was held on August 29, 2008, in Montgomery 20, Adam Kitzes presided.

2. Those present were Adam Kitzes, Suzanne Anderson, Devon Hansen, Joan Hawthorne, Mary Coleman, Lori Robison, Greg Gagnon, Don Poochigan, Ty Reese, and Ryan Zerr. Tom Steen attended as a guest.

3. Minutes of May 2, 2008. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes, voted upon, and carried unanimously.

4. Tom Steen was introduced as the Director of Essential Studies. The new position is funded and an office space has been identified. This job is administrative with responsibility to manage operation of the ES program. The SES Committee is the policy making body. Tom asked that the Committee think about roles. He provided a handout on his role, the Committee’s role, and open questions.

5. Adam Kitzes presented a handout with unresolved ES issues from 2007-2008 along with upcoming issues. Discussion ensued. Adam indicated that the Committee will begin addressing the issues at the next meeting.

6. There was a question on lack of student members. Suzanne Anderson explained that the Student Government President has not yet identified any students for any committees or the University Senate.

7. Adam presented the Committee assignments. There was discussion of how to contact departments and liaison identification. Adam agreed to send out the number of ES courses in each department, the revalidation cycle, and the carry over revalidation list.

8. Adam reminded the Committee of the Summit coming up on September 5th. He recommended attendance at the revalidation workshop along with the other sessions.

9. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2008, in Montgomery Hall 20.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:07.