1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on January 23, 2009, in Montgomery Hall, room 20. Adam Kitzes presided.

2. Those present at the meeting were Mary Coleman, Greg Gagnon, Devon Hansen, Joan Hawthorne, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Adam Kitzes, Chuck Moretti, Don Poochigian, Ty Reese, Tom Steen, Ryan Zerr and Connie Borboa.

3. Ryan Stroh student petition. Joan Hawthorne moved to deny the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

4. Brittany Olson student petition. Greg Gagnon moved to approve the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon and failed with a vote of 1 in favor of, 6 opposed and 1 abstention.

5. Rachel Jurgens student petition. Greg Gagnon moved to approve the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with a vote of 8 in favor of and 1 opposed.


7. Validations for Civil Engineering 301/302 for Advanced Communication only; Civil Engineering 482 and 483 for Capstone; Electrical Engineering 480 for Advanced Communication and Capstone. Greg Gagnon moved to approve all of the requests. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

8. Transfer issues concerning Fine Arts Categories. Two options for how to transfer courses in Art, Music, and Theatre into UND’s Fine Arts vs. Humanities framework were discussed. Option A: Any course in Art, Music or Theatre. Option B: Any hands-on course in Art, Music or Theatre. Ty Reese moved to accept Option A. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with a vote of 7 in favor of and 2 opposed.

9. Revision of Essential Studies Assessment templates. Joan Hawthorne will update and forward to the Committee.

10. Next meeting February 6.

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Borboa