Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, December 4, 2009

A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on December 4, 2009, in the Medora Room, Memorial Union. Mary Coleman presided.

Those present at the meeting were Connie Borboa, Hans Broedel, Mary Coleman, Sherrie Fleshman, Greg Gagnon, Judy Hall, Joan Hawthorne, Adam Kitzes, John La Duke, Robert Lukes, Don Poochigian, Seinquis Slater, and Tom Steen. Guests: Loren Liepold, Wilbur Stolt.

Minutes November 20. Seinquis Slater moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Validation of Honors 489 for Capstone credit. Hans Broedel moved to approve the request.

The motion was seconded. Discussion. John La Duke moved to table the request.

Tom Steen - Essential Studies Director’s Report. Reminder of open house at the Essential Studies Office Friday, December 4, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. A short program will start a little after 3:00. Handouts were distributed; director asked committee members to review and think how Committee can help all to understand more about Essential Studies. Please get back to Director with any ideas. Two help events coming up early next semester: Capstone coffees and session on information literacy. Director will set up and asked Committee members to attend if possible.

Change in ES membership document. Loren Liepold and Wilbur Stolt expressed their interest in having Staff Senate and University Libraries representation on the Essential Studies Committee. Joan Hawthorne moved to approve the membership proposal and to continue to discuss additional membership next semester. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

LEAD 101 validation for social science. Hans Broedel moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with a vote of 8 in favor of, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Course revalidation liaison reports: Please e-mail department revalidation update status to Mary Coleman.

Robert Lukes and Seinquis Slater’s plan for reaching out to students. Seinquis Slater informed the Committee there will be an Open Forum December 9 for students to ask questions about Essential Studies. They have been to some classes inviting students to attend the forum and received feedback regarding ES. The forum will be in the Medora room from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tom Steen will attend the last part of the meeting in case there are additional questions.

The chair will be working on a meeting time for next semester.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Borboa