Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, February 12, 2010

1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on February 12, 2010, in the Medora Room, Memorial Union. Mary Coleman presided.

2. Those present at the meeting were Connie Borboa, Hans Broedel, Mary Coleman, Greg Gagnon, Judy Hall, Joan Hawthorne, Adam Kitzes, John La Duke, Robert Lukes, Don Poochigian and Wilbur Stolt.

3. Minutes January 29. Robert Lukes moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

4. Essential Studies Director’s report. See attachment.

5. Validation of Psychology 405 for Capstone credit. Joan Hawthorne moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with 3 abstentions.

6. Validation of Theatre Arts 241 and 243 for Fine Arts credit. Adam Kitzes moved to not approve at this time due to the lack of sufficient information. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

7. Validation of Society 475 for Capstone credit. Adam Kitzes moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with 1 opposed.

8. Validation of Mechanical Engineering 488 for Oral Communication credit. Judy Hall moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

9. Validation of History 405 and 406 for Humanities and U.S. Diversity credit. John La Duke moved to approve the requests. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

10. Validation of Music 180 for Social Science and U.S. Diversity credit. Adam Kitzes moved to table the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

11. Validation of Religion 423 for Humanities credit. Joan Hawthorne moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

12. Revalidation actions:

John La Duke stated Psychology 270 will be sent back to department due to lack of indirect assessment and Religion 221 will be sent back for more work.

Revalidation of Religion 102 for Humanities and G credit. John La Duke moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
Revalidation of Psychology 250 for Social Science credit. John La Duke moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Revalidation of Psychology 241 for Math/Science/Technology and Q credit. John La Duke moved to approve the request provisionally. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Psychology 360 and 361. Paperwork for withdrawal from ES submitted.

Revalidation of Psychology 111 for Social Science credit. John La Duke moved to approve the request provisionally. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Physic 140. Paperwork for withdrawal from ES submitted.

Revalidation of Physics 110/110L for Math/Science/Technology and Q/L credit. John La Duke moved to approve the requests. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Revalidation of Computer Science 289 for Math/Science/Technology credit. Greg Gagnon moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

13. Student Petitions. The Honors Department is requesting to allow students to receive the following credit for spring semester 2010. Students in Honors 392 section 3 will receive Global Diversity credit and students in Honors 392 section 4 will receive U.S. Diversity credit. John La Duke moved to approve the requests. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

14. Status of Faculty Senate action on change of ES membership. Mary Coleman informed the Committee the change was approved by University Senate at the February 4 meeting.

15. Essential Studies Process. Greg Gagnon moved that the committee set aside at least one meeting to consider whether or not the current vetting of courses by the committee is creating the intended results and to decide what committee action is appropriate after the review of the consequences of the policies and procedures in the context of intentions. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

16. Recorded by Connie Borboa
Essential Studies Committee

ES Director’s Report: Tom Steen
Feb. 12, 2010

Sorry I can’t be here: at NDSU to plan the next NDGE Council meeting. To be held at Wahpeton State College of Science, April 23. Attending for UND: Tom, Joan, and Mary or designee.

1. Looking ahead short term: developing ES capstone courses
   ▶ TS currently working to help depts. develop capstones. Goal: all validated and posted by end of this year (may be ambitious!).
   ▶ Working with Deans & Chairs on in-major and across-major C’s
   ▶ Working with 4 departments on developing interdisciplinary C’s
   ▶ Analyzing need how many? In what programs? Registrar’s Office is developing the data and report.
   ▶ Expect to need funding for instructors in interdisciplinary Cs

What ESC can do: a) make sure your own departments are making good progress on developing their capstones, b) listen for problems in development pass this along to Tom/Joan/Mary, and c) be prepared to handle capstone validations properly but also quickly.

2. Looking ahead short term: developing ES online courses
   ▶ TS getting reports from advisors that we need some ES courses offered online
   ▶ Working with Jane Sims, CILT, to make sure that their instructional design team is knowledgeable about ES criteria and validation process
   ▶ Analyzing need using Registrar’s Office & Student Success Ctr to help

How ESC can help: as above a) check need in your own depts., b) pay attention to problems or needs for online ES courses out there, and c) give some thought to any special considerations, if any, in validating online ES courses.

3. Looking ahead long term: ES program review year

Could we think now about declaring the next ES program review? I propose 2012-13 as Program Review Year, after one complete cycle of revals following implementation in Fall, 2008. I think it would be good to let the campus know about this now. What do you think? Ideas?