Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, March 26, 2010

1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on March 26, 2010, in the Medora Room, Memorial Union. Mary Coleman presided.

2. Those present at the meeting were Connie Borboa, Hans Broedel, Mary Coleman, Sherrie Fleshman, Judy Hall, Joan Hawthorne, Adam Kitzes, John La Duke, Chuck Moretti, Don Poochigian, and Tom Steen. Guest: Jan Goodwin.

3. Minutes February 26. Minutes were accepted.

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

5. Validation of Engineering 460 for Social Science credit. John La Duke moved to request additional information. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

6. Student petition for Florence Ojuigo Uruakpa. John La Duke moved to approve the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

7. Student petition for Denise Murray. Adam Kitzes moved to approve the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

8. Student petition for Kyle Hellevang. Adam Kitzes moved to approve the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

9. Revalidation of History 220 for Humanities credit and US Diversity. Hans Broedel moved to recommend approval for Humanities credit only. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

10. Revalidation of History 250, 370 and 371 for Humanities credit and US Diversity. Hans Broedel moved to recommend approval of all. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

11. Revalidation of Fine Arts 150 for Fine Arts credit. Joan Hawthorne moved to recommend approval of the revalidation. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with one abstention.

12. Revalidation of Geography 121/121L for Math, Science & Technology credit and Quantitative Reasoning. Joan Hawthorne moved to recommend approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

13. Revalidation of Geography 134/134L for Math, Science & Technology credit and Quantitative Reasoning. Joan Hawthorne moved to recommend provisional approval until 3 months after course is taught again. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
14. Revalidation of Geography 151 and 161 both for Social Science credit and Global Diversity; revalidation of Geography 262 for Social Science credit and US Diversity. Joan Hawthorne recommended approval of all. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

15. Revalidation of Rehabilitation and Human Services 250 for Social Science credit and US Diversity. Sherrie Fleshman moved to recommend approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

16. The April 9 meeting will be in Swanson Room 17.

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

18. Recorded by Connie Borboa
ES Director’s Report

1. Upcoming events

- ND Interim GE Council’s GE Summit III Apr. 23 at NDSCS in Wahpeton.
  UND’s contingent: Adam Kitzes, Joan Hawthorne, Anne Kelsch, Lisa Burger & Tom Steen.

- Revalidation Pre-Workshop for RV Chairs (next 2 years) Apr. 16.

2. Interdisciplinary ES Capstones

- 4 units are willing to offer for next year: Honors, Integrated Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, and English
- The ISP course can be offered online
- If all are approved and supported -> approx 110 seats total; 40 online
- Needed by departments who do not have their own C or by students who are in programs w/o Cs (e.g., BS-General Studies).

3. Capstone Development: In-Major or In-Program

- We have data indicating which students will be likely to need a C next year AND whose programs do not have one yet (thanks to Registrar’s Office and OIR)
- The ES Director will notify all these departments in next 2 weeks. Will also offer to help in the development process if needed.
- We need to be ready to validate these courses when requests are prepared, and we need to be ready to handle student petitions if necessary (last resort option).

4. Communication for and about ES

- Please give suggestions for how we can improve on-campus communication to a) students, b) advisors, and c) instructors/depts..
- Website work underway complete by May?