Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, April 9, 2010

1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on April 9, 2010, in Room 17 Swanson Hall. Mary Coleman presided.

2. Those present at the meeting were Suzanne Anderson, Connie Borboa, Hans Broedel, Mary Coleman, Sherrie Fleshman, Greg Gagnon, Judy Hall, Joan Hawthorne, John La Duke, Chuck Moretti, and Tom Steen. Guest: Wilbur Stolt, B. P. Bandyopadhyay.

3. Minutes March 26. Minutes were accepted.

4. Essential Studies Director’s report. ND Interim GE Council’s GE Summit III will be held in Wahpeton April 23. Revalidation pre-workshop for chairs will be April 30 at 1:00 in the Badlands Room.

5. Validation of Engineering 460 for Social Science credit. Greg Gagnon moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with a vote of 5 in favor of, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

6. Validation of Geography 454 for Capstone credit. John La Duke moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with a vote of 7 in favor of and 1 opposed.

7. Validation of Humanities 300 for Social Science credit. Hans Broedel moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

8. Validation of Political Science 495 for Capstone credit and Advanced Communication. John La Duke moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with a vote of 7 in favor of and 1 opposed.

9. Revalidation of Math 146 for Math, Science and Technology credit and Quantitative Reasoning. Judy Hall moved to recommend provisional approval until 3 months after course is taught again. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

10. Revalidation of Math 103, 105 and 115 for Math, Science and Technology credit and Quantitative Reasoning. Judy Hall moved to recommend approval of the course revalidations. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

11. Revalidation of Math 165 and 166 for Math, Science and Technology credit. Judy Hall moved to recommend approval of the course revalidations. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with one abstention.

12. Physics 162/L, 212/L and 252/L are to be removed from the Essential Studies list per department chair.

13. Revalidation of Computer Science 101/101T, 120 and 160 for Math, Science and Technology credit. Greg Gagnon moved to recommend provisional approval with the proviso the department meet with Tom Steen to clarify assessments. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

14. Greg Gagnon invited Committee members to Time Out week.
15. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

16. Recorded by Connie Borboa
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 “C’s” (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?