Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, October 23, 2009

1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on October 23, 2009, in the Medora Room, Memorial Union. Mary Coleman presided.

2. Those present at the meeting were Suzanne Anderson, Connie Borboa, Hans Broedel, Mary Coleman, Sherrie Fleshman, Greg Gagnon, Judy Hall, Robert Lukes, Chuck Moretti, and Tom Steen.

3. Minutes October 9. Sherri Fleshman moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.


5. Spanish 102. Greg Gagnon moved to allow students to receive general education or essential studies credit for Spanish 102 taken in the year it was removed from the GE or ES lists. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

6. Family Medicine 343 for Essential Studies Capstone and Advanced Communication credit. Judy Hall moved to approve the course pending the receipt of the indirect assessment plan to be used in assessing and compiling the data. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with one abstention.

7. Honors 392. The request was tabled.

8. Discussion on the Essential Studies membership change will take place December 4.

9. Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Borboa
1. ES Office now open daily 8-12am. Contact Sandy Brown for appointments, information, etc..777-4434/Campus Stop # 7310, O’Kelly 113.

2. ESC proposal to expand membership tabled at Senate.
   - TS to meet with student members and student gov reps
   - TS to meet with staff senate reps
   - Mary, Adam, Joan & TS will modify proposal and bring to ESC

3. Concern: what do we do when a course is not validated/revalidated for a time, but then gains approval? I.e., if a student takes the course when it's not approved, but is still in school when the approval is granted later, can they count the course toward their ES requirements?

4. NDUS work continues. Plans for April mtg in Bismarck underway. To include contacts with state legislators.

5. Advocacy & branding. We need to strengthen the ways we communicate about ES.
   - Pres. Kelley, U-Relations
   - Philip Parnell & community college outreach
   - Early student contacts
   - Website

Help needed on this. Joan, Lori Robison helping TS now more help would be helpful!