1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on December 3, 2010, in the Medora room of the Memorial Union. Sherrie Fleshman presided.

2. Those present at the meeting were Mary Coleman, Sherrie Fleshman, Judy Hall, Adam Kitzes, Brett Goodwin, Lori Robison, Pauline Stonehouse, Dorothy Keyser, Kathleen Tiemann, Stuart Schneider, Joan Hawthorne, April Bradley, Yeo Howie Lim, Brian Kistner, Tom Steen, and Suzanne Anderson. Guests present were Brian Schill, Mike Poellot, Fred Remer, Dexter Perkins, and Joe Hartman.

3. Minutes – November 19, 2010. Mary Coleman moved to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

4. Validation of Hon 490 for Capstone and Advanced Communication was removed from the table. Joan Hawthorne moved approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

5. Tom Steen reviewed the North Dakota General Education Council constitution. Committee members recommended staggered terms for the membership. Judy Hall moved to recommend the constitution for ratification. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

6. Validation of Atmospheric Sciences 492 for Capstone and Advanced Communication was discussed. Mary Coleman moved approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

7. Validation for Geology 205 for Math, Science, & Technology was discussed. Lori Robison moved approval, effective spring 2011. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

8. Validation of Anthropology 480 for Capstone and Advanced Communication was discussed. Brett Goodwin moved to table. The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

9. Sherrie Fleshman presented the questions from the professional advisor meeting that required committee discussion. The committee discussed the four issues and reached consensus for the response.
   - FA 150 will count for either fine arts or humanities according to the approval for the year in which it is taken. Any other request must be petitioned.
   - Regarding treating language transfer courses all the same, the department has been approached and is considering the matter.
   - Regarding following any ES course list in effect with the student’s entering catalog or any later list, the committee continues to support the policy that the course is effective only based on the approved course list each year and not retroactively.
   - The student petition action will stand as the student has addressed the matter.

10. Student petitions:
    Matthew Saari submitted two petitions for General Education.
        - Counting six credits of music ensembles, Adam Kitzes moved approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
-Spanish 102 as humanities, Adam Kitzes moved approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

11. Meeting adjourned at 2:45