Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, November 12, 2010

A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on November 12, 2010, in the Medora room of the Memorial Union. Sherrie Fleshman presided.

Those present at the meeting were Mary Coleman, Sherrie Fleshman, Judy Hall, Adam Kitzes, Brett Goodwin, Lori Robison, Brian Kistner, Yeo Howe Lim, Pauline Stonehouse, Tom Steen, and Suzanne Anderson. Guests present were Jennifer Manzke, Mark Guy, Glen Olson, and Burt Thorp.

Minutes – October 29, 2010. Lori Robison moved to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

There was one subcommittee report from Adam Kitzes. He had a question from Jeff Charmichael regarding adding a advance communication to an already validated capstone. Sherrie Fleshman indicated that the same situation exists for ME 480, it will be discussed for that validation. That decision will apply to all such cases.

Adam Kitzes indicated that there was no progress on the two outstanding student petitions.

Validation request for T & L 390 as a Capstone was discussed. Pauline Stonehouse moved approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Suzanne Anderson asked about the effective date for the fall 2010 capstone validations considering the need for the capstone courses in spring 2011. Adam Kitzes moved: In order to meet the student demand for capstone courses, that the fall 2010 approved capstone validations be effective spring 2011. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Validation of IDS 491 and co-requisite IDS 498 as capstone and advanced communication was discussed. Burt Thorp clarified that both courses would have to be completed to meet the capstone and advanced communication. Lori Robison moved to approve the capstone but not the advanced communication. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with 8 approve and 1 opposed.

Validation of English 235 as fine arts was discussed. Mary Coleman moved approval. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with 7 approve and 2 abstentions.

Validation of ME 480 as a capstone was discussed. This validation had been tabled and was now under discussion with the additional requested material on assessment for the already approved advanced communication. Lori Robison moved approval. The motion was seconded. Additional discussion ensued regarding assessment of information literacy. Adam Kitzes moved to table and a request for more on the information literacy assessment. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.
The committee decision on additional validations to an already validated course is that there is no need to repeat any paperwork regarding the original validation. Only the new validation paperwork is necessary.

Jennifer Manzke was introduced as a new hire in the Registrar’s Office who will work with non-articulated transfer work and questions of transfer work and essential studies. Suzanne Anderson asked if the committee representatives of the areas of Arts and Sciences represented by the breadth of knowledge requirements would assist Jennifer when there was no UND department to help make the decision. Those members agreed to be that contact.

The next meeting is November 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35