I. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2011.

II. Announcements
- Resignation of Essential Studies Chair, Stuart Schneider.
- Brett Goodwin, Chair-Elect, is acting Chair effective immediately.
- Student Petitions – Submitted during holiday break
  - **Student “A”** – Global Diversity Requirement: Petition sub-committee reviewed and made recommendation to deny. Due to time factor, Brett Goodwin ruled to accept the sub-committee’s recommendation as presented.
  - **Student “B”** – Social Science Requirement: Petition sub-committee reviewed and made recommendation to approve. Due to time factor, Brett Goodwin ruled to accept the sub-committee’s recommendation as presented.

III. Validations
- **GEOL 420, Re-try**
  - Capstone
- **CHEM 221/221L**
  - Breadth of Knowledge: Math, Science, Technology
  - Special Emphasis: “Q”
- **RELS 480**
  - Capstone

IV. Student Petitions
- **Student “D” 12.14.11** (Pending) – Humanities Requirement
- **Student 1** – General Education World Cultures Requirement

V. Deletion
- **SOC 361**
  - Department request to remove Special Emphasis “U” effective Fall 2012.

VI. Open Letter to ES Committee – Tom Rand

VII. Matters Arising