Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, December 14, 2011

1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on December 14, 2011 in the Medora room. Stuart Schneider presided.

2. In attendance: Mary Baker, Brett Goodwin, Dorothy Keyser, Yeo Howe Lim, Fred Remer, Janna Schill, Bridget Thompson, Harmon Abrahamson, Joan Hawthorne, Tom Steen, Kristin Emmons, Sharon Bruggeman, and Christina Fargo.

   Absent: April Bradley, Sherrie Fleshman, Suzanne Anderson, John Mitzel and John Tompkins.

3. Approval of the Minutes November 30, 2011. Dorothy Keyser moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

4. Student Petitions:
   - **Student “A” – Appeal, Oral Communication Requirement:** Joan Hawthorne moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to deny the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
   - **Student “B” - United States Diversity Requirement:** Dorothy Keyser moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to deny the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.
   - **Student “C” – Global Diversity Requirement:** Dorothy Keyser moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to deny the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
   - **Student “D” - Humanities Requirement:** The student petition committee’s recommendation was to deny the request. Joan Hawthorne moved not to act on the recommendation until past records and policy standards were reviewed. The petition sub-committee was given authorization to take action during Christmas break. Motion was seconded. Brett Goodwin made a friendly amendment to encourage the sub-committee to take into account the documentation of advisor error. The amended motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
   - **Student “E” - Global Diversity Requirement:** Kristin Emmons moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to deny the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
   - **Student “F” – Social Science Requirement:** Fred Remer moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
   - **Student “G” - Social Science Requirement:** Joan Hawthorne moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
➢ **Student “H” – World Culture GER**: Joan Hawthorne moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to deny the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

➢ **Student “I” - United States Diversity Requirement**: Joan Hawthorne moved to accept the student petition committee’s recommendation to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

5. **Chair Elect**
   ➢ Brett Goodwin was unanimously voted in as Chair for academic year 2012-1213.

6. **Matters Arising**
   ➢ Spring 2012 meeting schedule: 1 ½ hour block; every other week; day & time to be announced.

7. **Meeting Adjourned 4:20 PM**
8. **Recorded by Sharon Bruggeman, Essential Studies Secretary**