Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, January 25, 2012

1. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on January 25, 2012 in the Medora room. Brett Goodwin presided.


Absent: Mary Baker, Dorothy Keyser, Yeo Howe Lim, Suzanne Anderson, Joan Hawthorne, Tom Steen, Kristin Emmons, and John Tompkins.

3. Approval of the Minutes December 14, 2011 - Harmon Abrahamson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

4. Announcements
   * Stuart Schneider has resigned as Essential Studies Chair. Brett Goodwin, Chair-Elect, has moved into the role as Chair.
   * New committee members appointed
     - Sebastian Braun, Indian Studies
     - Bridget Thompson, Nursing
     - Anne Walker, Teaching & Learning
   * 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.
   * Save the Date: Friday, April 20, 2012 – ND General Education Council Summit in Bismarck

5. Validations
   * GEOL 420, Re-try
     - Capstone
     Harmon Abrahamson moved to approve the request effective Spring 2012. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
   * CHEM 221/221L
     - Breadth of Knowledge: Math, Science, Technology
     - Special Emphasis: “Q”
     Fred Remer moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
6. Student Petitions
   • Student 1 - General Education World Cultures Requirement
     Harmon Abrahamson moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

   • Student “D” 12.14.11 (Pending) – Humanities Requirement
     Harmon Abrahamson moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

7. Deletion of Special Emphasis
   • SOC 361
     Department request to remove Special Emphasis “U” effective Fall 2012.
     April Bradley moved to acknowledge the request. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

8. Next Meeting: Monday, January 30th; Medora Room; 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

9. Meeting Adjourned 8:47 AM

Recorded by Sharon Bruggeman, ES Secretary