1. A meeting of the GER Committee was held on March 14, 2008, in Montgomery 20, Ryan Zerr presided.
2. Those present were Suzanne Anderson, Devon Hansen, Joan Hawthorne, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Chuck Moretti, Lana Rakow, Don Poochigan, Ty Reese, and Ryan Zerr.
3. Minutes of February 22, 2008. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes, voted upon, and carried unanimously.
4. Ryan Zerr recommended that the Committee consider changing the name to reflect the new Essential Studies program. He proposed Senate Essential Studies Committee.” It was moved by Joan Hawthorne and seconded by Don Poochigan. The Committee voted and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Ryan Zerr indicated to the Committee that the department of Philosophy and Religion has requested relief for revalidation of all their courses and splitting the two subject areas for validation cycle. Joan Hawthorne moved that there be a one year deferral for one subject and a two year deferral for the other. Ty Reese seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion passed with one abstention. (The cycle will be Religion 2009-2010 and Philosophy 2010-2011)
6. The Committee discussed the “Application for ES Status” documents drafted by Ryan Zerr. The four documents were for Arts and Humanities, Oral Communication, Social Science, and Math, Science and Technology. There were adjustments made to the Oral Communication document. Don Poochigan moved to adopt the new forms as adjusted. The motion was seconded by Lana Rakow. The Committee voted and approved the documents as adjusted.
7. There was discussion of revalidation of English 302, 308, 315, and 408. Lana Rakow moved to approve revalidations. The motion was seconded. The Committee voted and the course revalidations were approved.
8. The Committee discussed a student petition by Robyn Daly. Ty Reese moved to disapprove the petition. The motion was seconded. The Committee voted and the petition was disapproved.
9. The Committee discussed and decided on proposed validations.
   a. A & S 252 – Moved by Joan Hawthorne to approve. The motion was seconded. The Committee voted and the validation was approved.
   b. CSD 101 and 102 –The Committee determined that there was a lack of direct assessment and there needs to be a statement in the course syllabus regarding general education. The Committee tabled the proposal to send it back to the department for more information.
   c. Engl 226 – The Committee determined that there is a lack of enough assessment information. The request was tabled to send back to the department for more information.
   d. Engl 299 – The Committee discussed that topic courses taught regularly should be approved as regular courses. Regular courses approved for general education are able to be included in the degree audit. Lana Rakow moved to disapprove the validation. The motion was seconded. The Committee voted and the validation was denied.
e. Nor 102 – Lana Rakow moved approval. The motion was seconded. The Committee voted and approved the validation.

10. The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2008, in Montgomery Hall.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:15.