

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, April 5, 2016 at 10:00 am

- I A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on April 5, 2016 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Lori Robison presided.
In attendance at the meeting: Donovan Widmer, Joan Hawthorne, Ryan Zerr, Ken Flanagan, Jeff Carmichael, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Karen Peterson, Karyn Plumm, Carla Spokely
- II Ken Flanagan moved to approve minutes from the March 22, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with one abstention.
- III Student Petition
 - Student #14-F16
 - Ryan Zerr presented the student petition on behalf of the petition committee and moved to deny, the motion was second, voted upon and motion passed with seven in favor of motion and two opposed.
- IV Lori Robison led discussion to determine whether the ESC supports UND's participation in the WICHE Interstate Passport. Questions that committee members had were addressed:
 - Is there a mechanism in place that can guarantee the merit/quality of courses that will transfer into UND? All institutions involved will be accredited and the Interstate Passport Board will oversee institutions.
 - Is there a cost to UND to join? The first five years are free if UND signs up before September.
 - Also noted that the National Student Clearing House will systematically track students with passports to see how well they are doing at receiving institutions.Motion was made for the ESC to endorse the Interstate Passport and bring forward to UND Administration. Sukhvarsh Jerath moved to approve motion. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- V Ryan Zerr led discussion about possible changes to Special Emphasis courses that were addressed in the ES Program Review. Discussion will continue at next meeting. Goal is to address campus early Fall '16 with proposed changes. (See Proposal for Essential Studies Program Revisions – Draft)
- VI Announcements
 - Essential Studies Capstone Poster Session to be held May 4 – 5
 - Faculty Scoring Session to be held May 10, ESC members are invited to participate
 - Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, at 10:00 am
- VII Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely