

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, February 23, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am. Lori Robison presided.

In attendance: Jeff Carmichael, Krista Lynn Minnotte, Karen Peterson, Karyn Plumm, Christina Fargo, Erich Jauch, Jerath Sukvarsh, Ryan Zerr

- I. Approval of minutes from February 12, 2016. Motion to approve, seconded. Four abstained, motion carried.
- II. Director's Report:
  - Assessment Week comes to an end today.
  - 40 people attended last Tuesday's meetings to discuss the ES Core concept. A survey was distributed soliciting feedback.
  - The ES Office is going through the same budget cutting exercise as other units across campus. It's unclear what, if any, impacts there might be.
- III. Validations
  - **PtrE 485: Research Design**
    - Breadth of Knowledge: Communication (Oral)
    - ES Goal: Communication (written and oral)Motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously
  - **PtrE 405: Petroleum Economy and Law**
    - Breadth of Knowledge: Social Science
    - ES Goal: Thinking & Reasoning

*Motion to not approve, motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. Faculty on the committee from the Social Sciences indicated that PtrE 405 does not appear to be a Social Science course. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.*

IV. Revising the revalidation process:

The draft BoK revalidation form distributed prior to the meeting was discussed. The following points were made:

- An item asking for a contact person should be included on the form.
- Item 4a seems misplaced; it should appear within the "course information" section.
- The idea of allowing multiple goals to be chosen was discussed, and there was widespread support for continuing with that approach.
- In the section on program participation, there should be an item that asks people to indicate what they're already doing to support ES.
- Add an item 2b that asks for a few sentences that explain how the course still fits within the current BoK area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.