

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, January 17 at 1:00 pm

- I. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on January 17 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Ken Flanagan presided.
In attendance at the meeting: Brad Reissig, Mark Jendrysik, Brooke Solberg, Alena Kubatova, Dave Yearwood, Lori Robison, Joan Hawthorne, Scott Correll, Christina Fargo, Ryan Zerr, Kristen Borysewicz, Sandra Mitchell, Carla Spokely
- II. Ryan Zerr moved to approve minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- III. Director's Report
 - ES Diversity Committee met for the first time Jan 13 and will continue to meet Spring '17
 - Assessment Week sign up currently over 200 students
 - Campus Strategic Initiative meetings to be held January 19 & 24
- IV. Student Petitions
 - Student #29-S17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: United States Diversity
 - Petition committee made motion to grant US Diversity credit. Petition committee moved to approve the motion, the motion was seconded by Ken Flanagan, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- V. Revalidations
 - Subcommittee III
 - table until January 31 meeting with department supplemental information
- VI. Tabled Validations
 - Counseling 399: Relationships, Sexuality, and Violence Prevention
 - Breadth of Knowledge: Social Science
 - Goal: Diversity
 - ESC concerns
 - student frustrations over only 1 credit for Social Science
 - Degree Audit would work only if title added (not special topics)
- VII. Recommendations from Special Emphasis Revisions subcommittee
 - Lori Robison led discussion/handout
 - subcommittee suggests that the ESC develops a more stringent set of guidelines for all ES courses/include high-impact practices
 - 'A' will remain in Capstone but removing the 'A' from the Capstone is still a suggestion
- VIII. Role of ES in the Liberal Arts Strategic Initiative
 - Ryan Zerr led discussion
 - handouts made available to ESC members of the action steps

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely. Next meeting Jan 31 at 2:00 pm.