

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, March 4, 2016 at 1:30 pm

- I A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on March 4, 2016 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Ryan Zerr presided.
In attendance at the meeting: Melissa Gjellstad, Donovan Widmer, Joan Hawthorne, Dave Yearwood, Karen Peterson, Karyn Plumm, and Christina Fargo.
- II Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2016.
 - Approved
- III Student Petition
 - Student #12-F16
 - Ryan Zerr presented the student petition and moved to approve, the motion was second, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- IV Directors Report
 - Essential Studies Office budget update.
- V Revalidation Process
 - The committee reviewed the revalidation form that was created in qualtrics. There were no major concerns regarding the form. It was noted that the new revalidation form does not require the submission on assessment data. It was suggested that if a department wishes to provide assessment data they be given the opportunity to do so through email.
 - When should the revalidation process restart?
 - Con of restarting the revalidation process – committee would need to act upon next year.
 - Pro of restarting the revalidation process – revalidation is not forgotten.
 - If the core proposal does not move forward the new revalidation form would be a sign of progress and accomplishment by the committee.
 - If the revalidation process restarts will there be additional changes in the form next year?
 - Ryan Zerr shared that Lori Robison would prefer to keep the revalidation process on hold for another year.
 - The ability to mark more than one goal is a positive.
- VI Ryan moved that the revalidation form move forward with the modification of removing the assessment option on the form. Ryan also moved that the deadline for submission remain as October 1st and at this time revalidation will only be required for Breadth of Knowledge courses. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously.
- VII Matters Arising/Next steps
 - Core Survey
 - Ryan shared the results of the core survey with the committee
 - Discussion of ideas for an open campus ES session
 - In past years a “State of ES” presentation/luncheon was hosted by director of

Essential Studies.

- New ideas included:
 - Open forum format
 - Meet with other faculty who are teaching ES courses with the same goal.
 - New director, new vision, new appreciation
 - Open invitation
 - Small presentation, address issues, open discussion, informal follow-up

II Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, at 10:00. Tom Steen will be presenting on the Interstate passport.

Meeting adjourned.