

## Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, March 22, 2016 at 10:00 am

I A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on March 22, 2016 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Lori Robison presided.

In attendance at the meeting: Melissa Gjellstad, Donovan Widmer, Joan Hawthorne, Ryan Zerr, Ken Flanagan, Jeff Carmichael, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Karyn Plumm, Christina Fargo, Carla Spokely, and Tom Steen

II Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2016. Motion to approve, seconded. One abstained, motion carried.

III Student Petition

➤ Student #13-F16

- Ryan Zerr presented the student petition on behalf of the petition committee and moved to approve, the motion was second, voted upon and carried unanimously.

IV Election of 2016-17 ESC Chair

➤ Lori Robison moved to nominate Kenneth Flanagan as the 2016-17 ESC chair. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

V Tom Steen – Interstate Passport update

- Tom Steen is the Passport facilitator for the state of North Dakota
  - Currently four NDUS schools are involved – NDSU, NDSCS, LRSC, VCSU
  - The benefits of joining were outlined
  - To earn the Interstate Passport a student needs to complete all nine learning outcomes from one institution, would work similar to GERTA
  - If UND is interested, ESC will be involved in design process-decision to be made at April 5 meeting

VI Announcements

- North Dakota General Education Summit will be held Friday, April 1 in Mayville. All ESC members are invited. Contact ES office if interested in attending meeting

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, at 10:00 am in Carnegie 102

Meeting adjourned at 11:10, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely