

## Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, May 3, 2016 at 10:00 am

I A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on May 3, 2016 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Lori Robison presided.

In attendance at the meeting: Ryan Zerr, Ken Flanagan, Karyn Plumm, Joan Hawthorne, Jeff Carmichael, Donovan Widmer, Melissa Gjellstad, Tanis Walch, Christina Fargo, Carla Spokely  
Guests: Thomas DiLorenzo, Rebecca Rozelle-Stone (Director of Women & Gender Studies)

II Ken Flanagan moved to approve minutes from the April 22, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with two abstentions.

III Provost DiLorenzo – Diversity Discussion

- Provost DiLorenzo attended the meeting along with the Professor Rebecca Rozelle-Stone to address concerns that WGS and American Indian Studies have about the ESC changing Diversity requirements.
- Addressed concerns that new structure will be less rigorous
- Committee commented that with proposed changes students will earn their Diversity credits later in their coursework which means less students will be transferring in Diversity credits and coursework will be more rigorous
- Provost wants to ensure that the ESC will work with WGS and AIS when developing new Diversity requirements

(Provost and Rebecca Rozelle-Stone left meeting at 10:20 am)

IV ES Program Goals Revision Discussion

- Committee members discussed changes to language in goals document
  - Is language student friendly?
  - To move forward with the goals proposal Lori suggested that the ESC work on language via email

-Melissa Gjellstad moved to approve goal document 1-6 with approved revisions to #6 (ESC will work on revisions via email). The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

V ES Director's Report

- Ryan met with Carmen Williams, deadline for questions for new U-SAT questions is end of September
- End of FY 2015-16 Essential Studies Office Report , highlighted ES Office handling of student petitions
- Student petitions submitted during the summer will be handled by Ken, Karyn, Lori and Ryan

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