

## Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, October 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm

- I. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on October 17 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Ken Flanagan presided.  
In attendance at the meeting: Brad Reissig, Beth Bjerke, Lori Robison, Tanis Walch, Mark Jendrysik, Brooke Solberg, Karyn Plumm, Alena Kubatova, Dave Yearwood, Natalie Buck, Tomo Tanaka, Kristen Borysewicz, Scott Correll, Christina Fargo, Carla Spokely
- II. Dave Yearwood moved to approve minutes from the Oct 4, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- III. Director's Report (Ryan Zerr unable to attend due to Diversity Advisory Council meeting)
  - ESC related announcements
    - Diversity Session: Tuesday, 10/18, 1:00-2:00, River Valley Room
    - Capstone Faculty Meetings: Wednesday, 10/26, 1:00-2:00, River Valley Room AND Thursday, 10/27, 9:00-10:00, Badlands Room. NOTE: Having ESC members at these meetings would be very helpful!
    - ND Gen Ed Summit: Friday, 10/28, 8:00-noon, Lake Region State College. Anyone interested in going should let Ryan or Carla know asap; the ES Office will arrange for transportation and will cover all travel expenses.
    - Capstone Showcase: Thursday, 12/8, 9:00-2:00, Union Ballroom.
    - Written Communication Scoring Session: Monday, 12/12, 9:00-1:00, location TBD. Ryan will start actively recruiting as many scorers as possible after the Capstone Faculty Meetings.
    - The most obvious one: First Diversity Advisory Council meeting – today, right now, with an update on what happens from Ryan. NOTE: The email announcing the first meeting made clear that the ES Program will be a focus of attention.
- IV. Student Petitions
  - Student #8-F16
    - Essential Studies Requirement: Fine Arts
      - Petition committee made motion to grant Fine Arts credit. Mark Jendrysik moved to approve the motion, the motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
  - Student #9-F16
    - Essential Studies Requirement: ENGL 130
      - Petition committee made motion to deny request that the English Literature CLEP exam be used to fulfill the ENGL 130 requirement. Mark Jendrysik moved to approve the motion, the motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- V. Subcommittee updates
  - Special Emphasis Revisions
    - Diversity meeting preparation
  - Goal Revisions
    - Ken provided handout with new goal language
  - Interstate Passport
    - Expected to have work done by mid-November. Ryan to meet with Provost to

confirm ESC has permission to continue work on passport.

VI. Matters Arising

- Fine Arts/Humanities Distinction

Lori Robison gave overview to new members about confusion that exists with F.A./Humanities courses. Members discussed if distinction should be more discipline based. This would be less confusing for students and make advising easier. Discussion will continue at next ESC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely.