

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, January 31 at 2:00 pm

- I. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on January 31 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Ken Flanagan presided.
In attendance at the meeting: April Bradley, Brad Reissig, Mark Jendrysik, Brooke Solberg, Clement Tang, Dave Yearwood, Lori Robison, Karyn Plumm, Joan Hawthorne, Christina Fargo, Ryan Zerr, Carla Spokely
- II. Dave Yearwood moved to approve minutes from the January 17, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- III. Director's Report
 - Eric Wolfe, Chair of English department, contacted ES office to have ENGL 408 removed from the ES Capstone list
 - Assessment Week February 13-17
 - OID Threshold Concepts Workshops will be held Feb 10-11
 - ES office budget reduction/operating budget reduction was proposed
- IV. Student Petitions
 - Student #30-S17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: Fine Arts
 - Petition committee made motion to approve Fine Arts credit. The motion was seconded by Joan Hawthorne, voted upon and carried unanimously.
 - Student #31-S17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: Humanities
 - Petition committee made motion to deny Humanities credit. The SW 311 course is a practice orientated course and does not align with the Humaniteis definition. The motion was seconded by Mark Jendrysik, voted upon and carried unanimously
- V. Revalidations
 - Subcommittee III
 - LANG department submitted supplemental information
 - Subcommittee III (Karyn Plumm) made motion to approve SPAN 101, GERM 201, FREN 202, and NORW 101 for revalidation. The motion was seconded by April Bradley, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- VI. Tabled Validations
 - Counseling 399: Relationships, Sexuality, and Violence Prevention
 - Breadth of Knowledge: Social Science
 - Goal: Diversity

Joan Hawthorne made motion to approve Counseling 399 for validation for next academic year, with the expectation that in order to be validated past one year the department will need to create a new course number and have that validated by the ESC. The motion was seconded by Ryan Zerr, voted upon and carried unanimously.

➤ Honors 103: Inquiry in the Sciences

- Special Emphasis: US Diversity

Course is already validated as a M,S,T course with goal in Information Literacy.

Committee requested to review the original Honors 103 Validation paperwork. Validation tabled until February 14 meeting.

VII. Fine Arts discussion

ES Director contacted Theater Arts, Music, and Art regarding the Fine Arts/Humanities distinction. Feedback from those departments indicated most are not in favor of making a change at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely. Next meeting Feb 14 at 1:00 pm.