

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, March 28 at 2:00 pm

- I. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on March 28 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Ken Flanagan presided.
In attendance at the meeting: Lori Robison, Melissa Gjellstad, Beth Bjerke, April Bradley, Brad Reissig, Clement Tang, Alena Kubatova, Kristen Borysewicz, Karyn Plumm, Joan Hawthorne, Ryan Zerr, Christina Fargo, Carla Spokely
- II. Ryan Z moved to approve minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with three abstentions.
- III. Director's Report
 - UNDergraduate Showcase will be held May 3-4, ESC members encouraged to volunteer to for Oral Communication assessment during the event, Ryan will email information
 - Faculty Handbook (1990) Section 3.9.4 needs to be updated to reflect Essential Studies criteria for courses
 - Ryan will meet with Deans about U/G requirements on 3/29
- IV. Student Petitions
 - Student #35-S17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: Fine Arts
 - Petition committee made motion to deny the request, motion was seconded voted upon and carried unanimously.
 - Student #36-S17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: ENGL 110
 - Petition committee made motion to approve the request, motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- V. 2017-18 Revalidation Process
All departments up for revalidation for 2017-18 will be contacted first week in April. The new forms clearly present revalidation criteria for departments. The new RV process is more systematic and improves communication between ESC and departments. The deadline for all revalidations will be October 1, 2017.
- VI. General ES Program Issues
The possibility of changing the undergraduate degree requirements from 125 to 120 was discussed. The ES requirement of 36 credits, plus capstone would be unchanged. ESC briefly discussed how budget cuts affect ES courses/availability of courses.
- VI. Election of an ES Committee Chair for 2017-18 (move to next meeting agenda)

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely. Next meeting April 11 at 1:00 pm in Carnegie 102.