

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee September 8, 2015

- 1) A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on September 8, 2015 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Brad Reissig presided.
In attendance: Dave Yearwood, Heather Terrell, Charles Miller, Wendelin Hume, Alena Kubatova, Michael Dodge, Mark Jendrysik, Brooke Solberg, Karyn Plumm, Ryan Zerr, Michael Kelsch, Scott Correll, Christina Fargo, Carla Spokely
- 2) Approval of the Minutes from August 21, 2017 – Mark Jendrysik moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously.
- 3) Director's Report
 - Revalidation update: eight revalidations received by the ES Office as of 9/8.
 - Mass email was sent to students in ES courses to notify them about the goal(s) of the ES courses they are currently enrolled in.
 - North Dakota General Education Summit will be held October 20th at VCSU. All ES members are invited to attend, contact ES Office if interested.
 - The Technology department reached out to ES Director regarding their 2017-18 revalidation for their courses, TECH 300 & TECH 499. Dave Yearwood explained to committee the changes currently facing the TECH department. Due to the changes, the department requested an extension for the revalidation due date. Mark Jendrysik made motion to grant the request, motion was seconded by Dave Yearwood. Discussion followed, ESC members agreed that to keep the RV schedule less complicated, an extension should not be granted. Charles Miller amended the motion to move the TECH courses to the 2018-19 RV schedule permanently versus an extension. The motion was seconded by Ryan Zerr, voted upon, and carried unanimously.
- 4) Student Petitions
 - Student #3-F17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: Fine Arts
Petition committee was split 2/2 regarding petition. After discussion with full ESC, petition committee made motion to deny the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously.
 - Student #4-F17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: US Diversity
Petition committee moved to approve. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried unanimously.
 - Student #5-F17
 - Essential Studies Requirement: M,S,T
Petition committee (one member abstained) made motion to deny the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.
- 5) A subcommittee met to discuss the timeline and implementation for the new Special Emphasis courses. Fall 2019 was recommended and the ESC approved. U&G course lists will remain until 2026.

- 6) The ESC discussed changes to the current electronic petition form and what other supporting documentation should be required for the student to submit. The petition committee will provide the ESC with their recommendations at the 9/18 meeting.
- 7) Pre-reviews of study abroad courses for ES credit – will discuss at 9/18 meeting
- 8) Award for faculty/staff who make significant contributions to ES – will discuss at 9/18 meeting
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.
Minutes recorded by Carla Spokely.