

Essential Studies Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 4, 2019
3-4 p.m.
Twamley Hall, room 404

- I. Welcome new member Rashid Ahmed
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 25th meeting
 - a. No changes
- III. Any Student Petitions
 - a. #9 – Global Diversity – Motioned to approve, second, petition approved
 - b. #10 – MST – Motioned to deny, second, petition denied
 - c. #11 – Fine Arts – Motioned to approve, second, petition approved
 - d. #12 – US Diversity – Motioned to deny, second, petition denied
- IV. Discussion of process used over the past two years for change to intercultural knowledge and skills special emphases
 - a. Consideration of English proposal
 - i. Background history, two years ago Essential Studies froze all U & G course, this list didn't get any courses added or revalidated. The recommendation is we don't want to allow departments to make any changes unless we give all departments the opportunity to make changes. Students currently base their courses requirement on their catalog year. If a student wants to move to the new catalog, they can choose to. There are plenty of other choices for these students. These courses are not required courses for any program.
 - ii. Moved to deny, second
 1. Discussion
 - iii. Motion withdrawn, move to table the discussion until next meeting after we get further information from other areas.
- V. Course revalidation motions
 - a. Follow up from 10/25 meeting ME 370, the faculty member has retired, and they have changed the course to ENGR 340. They will be sending the course to be revalidated. Chair William Semke would like to remove the course from revalidation. The course will not come off until fall 2020. Karyn to follow up with Chair Semke.
 - b. Motion to revalidations:
 - i. ENG 110
 - ii. ENG 308
 - iii. ENG 271 (only one making a change)
 - iv. ENG 408
 - v. THEA 110
 - vi. THEA 270Motion to approve, second, revalidations approved
 - vii. ENG 315
 - Motion to approve, second, revalidations approved
 - viii. BADM 101
 - ix. IDS 495
 - x. ME 480
 - xi. PHE 102
 - xii. KIN 491
 - xiii. PT 402
 - xiv. PT 514
 - xv. POLS 220
 - Motion to approve, second, revalidations approved
 - xvi. PHIL 101
 - xvii. PHIL 104
 - xviii. PHIL 110

xix. PHIL 120

xx. PHIL 270

xxi. PHIL 301

Motion to approve, second, abstention 1, revalidations approved

VI. Discussion of special topics courses validated for ES

- a. We want to be sure we are meeting the goals, and courses are meeting the analyzing world view for special topics.
- b. Motion all special topics get removed, second
 - i. Discussion
- c. Motion withdrawn, move to table, bring back to agenda next time

VII. Brief summary of NDGEC Summit

- a. The state is working on a GERTA Plus system that will allow institutions to change the focus on learning goals rather than discipline-specific criteria. Each institution will have the ability to propose their own gen ed/ES program. This has been a work in progress for years. The plan will be brought to AAC and the SBHE.

VIII. Consideration of slight change to process for validation

- a. Rather than emailing back and forth questions that arise about validations, everyone can bring their questions to the group during the first couple of meetings and we'll reach out to departments from there if necessary.

IX. Matters Arising

Next Meeting

Monday, December 2, 2019

3-4 p.m.

Twamley Hall, room 305