

**Essential Studies Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, September 9, 2019**  
**3-4 p.m.**  
**Twamley Hall, room 305**

Meeting Attendees: Forrest Ames, Kristen Borysewicz, Hans Broedel, Tim Burrows, Michael Dodge, Christina Fargo, Christopher Felege, Wendelin Hume, Mark Jendrysik, Steven LeMire, Paul Lindseth, Jim Mochoruk, Karyn Plumm, Brooke Solberg, Heather Terrell

1. Student petitions (posted in Bb)
  - a. #4 – Global Diversity – Michael motioned, Jim second, petition denied
  - b. #5 – Communication (ENGL 130) – Michael motioned, Jim second, petition denied
2. Selection of chair elect (nominee posted in Bb)
  - a. Nominations – Brooke Solberg  
Karyn motioned, Mark second, approve – New chair elect Brooke Solberg
3. Policy and GUEST updates (full document posted in Bb)
  - a. Karyn motioned to approve the whole document, second Mark, approved
4. Amount of courses in ES (Mark J)
  - a. We see a larger number of Essential Studies classes, is it a good thing?
  - b. We will be sure that all courses going through validation and revalidation do meet the learning goals and rubric criteria.
5. Discussion of assessment (Tim B)
  - a. Essential Studies goals are assessed through the VALUE Institute, and this year we are assessing critical thinking. Karyn and Tim worked on a proposal for the better ways to assess this learning goal. They are focusing on assessment that is authentic and what is actually occurring here. Moving forward it will be an expectation for faculty teaching capstone courses. Karyn will post the proposal on Blackboard soon.
6. Revalidation process (Karyn P)
  - a. Past revalidation was set up with subcommittees and assigned departments. There were a couple of issues, not every submission was read by more than one person, they should all be read by two people. There was discrepancy in discussion when somebody doesn't think it qualified for revalidation. Karyn and Michael are working on standardizing the process. They would like to identify three people to be department liaisons and will assign two people to read each submission. Deadlines for submissions is October 1. More details to come soon.
7. Matters arising
  - a. When will meeting minutes from last spring be posted on the website? Michele will work on getting the minutes posted. In the meantime direct questions to Karyn.
  - b. Diversity of Human Experience and Analyzing Worldviews—get the word out as committee, have a selection of courses that don't have pre-requisites. Send out to committee and Chairs a list of the courses available not needing pre-requisites. Karyn will wait until after revalidation information is sent out to send this list out.
  - c. There are some questions about coordination between the University Curriculum Committee, College Curriculum Committee, ES Committee. Need a coordinated effort. Karyn also serves on UCC she is trying to let others know when things should also go to the ES Committee for approval.

- d. Academic Affairs Council approved 135 courses through the military for Gen Ed requirements, some courses already count. Some we may need to consider for BOK area, Karyn will bring to the group when the list is broken down.
- e. Chancellor requested all institutions look at Gen Ed and how to incorporate information technology/computers/cybersecurity as a learning goal. Must have a plan by December. Karyn will bring to group when she gets more information.

Next Meeting

Friday, September 27, 2019

1-2 p.m.

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