

Essential Studies Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2020
10-11 a.m.
Zoom

Meeting Attendees: Forrest Ames, Hans Broedel, Tim Burrows, Craig Carlson, Michael Dodge, Chris Felege, Mark Jendrysik, Jody Paulson, Karyn Plumm, Julie Robinson, Brad Rundquist, Brooke Solberg, Donovan Widmer, Michele Carroll

1. Approval of meeting minutes for September 28, 2020
 - a. Minutes approved
2. Student Petitions
 - a. #5 – Student is requesting a waiver of 2 credits in math/science/tech
 - i. Motion to approve, second, motion approved to approve student petition
3. NURS 351 vote for immediate validation
 - a. Motion to approve for early validation, second, one abstention, motion approved for validation of NURS 351
4. Senate Budget Committee Rep
 - a. Michael Dodge has volunteered to serve
5. Task Force on the Future of Education at UND nomination
 - a. You all received an email from Jeffrey VanLooy on Monday, October 12th with a link to nominate members for the task force as they would like representation from the ES Committee. Mark Jendrysik has volunteered to be the nominee for ES Committee. Feel free to submit your nomination for Dr. Jendrysik or for yourself if you are interested!
6. Revalidations
 - a. All revalidations were submitted by October 1. Karyn has added instructions for completing the revalidation reviews on Blackboard. Everyone was assigned 5 to 6 courses. Feel free to read others, the more readers, the better. If you have questions you can contact Brooke, Michael, or Karyn. If you find information missing, let Karyn know, and she'll reach out to the department.
 - b. Timeline: **November 10** – submit your reviewer notes via email to karyn.plumm@und.edu
 - November 12 – discuss courses with concerns for revalidation
 - November 23 – vote on revalidation of courses
7. Matters arising
 - a. November 6 is the deadline for a grant opportunity for faculty that want to use OERs. Please encourage faculty in our colleges that are teaching Essential Studies courses to use OERs. We want to use OERs for ES courses as much as possible. We are starting to find students are choosing their courses on the cost of materials, so they are choosing courses with OERs. Here is a link to apply for the OER grant:
<http://blogs.und.edu/cfl/2020/10/open-educational-resources-grants-available/>