

Essential Studies Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2021

10-11 a.m.

Zoom

Meeting Attendees: Mary Adkins, Forrest Ames, Hans Broedel, Craig Carlson, Michael Dodge, Christina Fargo, Chris Felege, Thyra Knapp, Jody Paulson, Karyn Plumm, Julie Robinson, Brad Rundquist, Brooke Solberg, Michele Carroll

1. Approval of meeting minutes for January 11, 2021 (See attached)
 - a. Minutes approved
2. Student petitions
 - a. #4 – Student is requesting waiver of capstone
 - i. Motion to approve petition, second, petition approved
 - b. #5 – Student is requesting waiver for Global Diversity
 - i. Motion to approve petition, second, petition approved
3. Validations
 - a. Courses for approval/discussion:
 - i. EE206/L
 1. Motion to approve EE206/L for validation, second, motion approved to approve courses for validation
 - ii. CJ 452
 - iii. IS 201
 - iv. IS 204
 - v. IS 207
 - vi. T&L 418
 - vii. ENGL 357
 - viii. ENGL 365
 - ix. ENGL 367
 1. Discussion
 2. Motion to approve CJ 452, IS 201, IS 204, IS 207, T&L 418, ENGL 357, ENGL 365, ENGL 367 for validation, second, courses approved for validation
4. Policy and GUEST updates
 - a. Discussion on updates made to Policy and Guest document.
 - i. Motion to approve updates, second, updates approved
5. PLA (Prior Learning Assessment) discussion
 - a. Karyn posted a couple of articles on how PLA is being assessed. WICHE is encouraging universities to consider prior learning or experiences for credit. Some institutions have students submit portfolios. We already allow CLEP exams. We do as much as CLEP offers and challenge exams with departments. Department can say no to challenge exams. Policy in the catalog states students can challenge the course basically by taking the final exam. Handshake allows students to put a portfolio together, not sure to what extent. Committee members will look at what kinds of processes out there.
6. Matters arising
 - a. None