

Essential Studies Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020
10-11 a.m.
Zoom

Meeting attendees: Karyn Plumm, Brooke Solberg, Craig Carlson, Julie Robinson, Mark Jendrysik, Michael Dodge, Mason Plowman, Tim Burrows, Forrest Ames, Christina Fargo, Hans Broedel, Brad Rundquist, Chris Felege, Jody Paulson

1. Approval of meeting minutes August 31, 2020
 - a. approved
2. Welcome to new committee members this year: Donovan Widmer, Julie Robinson, Craig Carlson, Jody Paulson, Brad Rundquist, Brenna Bertsch, Mason Plowman, William Prody (for those that couldn't make 8/31 meeting)
3. Description of voting process (Michele)
4. Student petitions (posted in Blackboard)
 - a. #1 – Student is requesting a waiver of Advanced Communication and the Capstone – Motion to approve, second, petition approved
 - b. #2 – Student is requesting waiver for the Global Diversity – Motion to approve, second, petition approved
5. Selection of chair-elect (nominees posted in Blackboard)
 - a. Nominations – Donovan Widmer
 - i. Motion to elect, second, approved – New chair-elect Donovan Widmer
6. Intersession pilot proposals (materials posted in Blackboard) (Karyn)
 - a. There were 16 proposals for one-time intersession pilot courses. Deans and chairs have approved 6 of these courses. Four of those courses would like to be approved for Essential Studies to meet the Diversity of Human Experiences and Global Diversity requirements. This approval would be one-time only. This would help students that are picking up the course last minute. We are trying to get as many students to take these courses as possible. Courses are to be very specific to the topic. Motion is to completely cover the Essential Studies requirement since the ES requirement typically needs to be 1/3 of the course.
 - b. AVIT 399 – Beyond Amelia Earhart: Positive Impacts of Women in Aviation
 - i. Motion to approve, second, course approved
 - c. BIMD 494 – HeLa: The Mother of Modern Science
 - i. Motion to approve, second, course approved
 - d. PSYC 499 – Psychology of Men
 - i. Motion to approve, second, course approved
 - e. RHS 499 – Living and Dying with Disability During COVID-19 Pandemic
 - i. Motion to approve, second, course approved
7. Request to postpone revalidation for American Indian Studies (Hans Broedel)
 - a. Motion to approve, second, request approved
8. Matters arising
 - a. Karyn has started some discussions on changing Essential Studies. As of now, she has met with five colleges and advisors. So far, she is hearing if we can simplify, we should. Next, we will be meeting with each department individually to get input by all.