

**Essential Studies Meeting Minutes**  
**September 28, 2020**  
**10-11 a.m.**  
**Zoom**

Meeting Attendees: Jody Paulson, Brenna Bertsch, Brooke Solberg, Craig Carlson, Karyn Plumm, Donovan Widmer, Tim Burrows, Chris Felege, Christina Fargo, Hans Broedel, Julie Robinson, Brad Rundquist, Forrest Ames, Michael Dodge

1. Approval of meeting minutes for September 17, 2020
  - a. Minutes approved
2. Student Petitions (posted in Blackboard)
  - a. #3 – Student is requesting waivers for 3 credits of math/science/tech and quantitative reasoning special emphasis on the basis of advisor error.
    1. Motion to approve, second, motion approved to approve student petition
  - b. #4 – Student is seeking a waiver of 3 humanities credits.
    1. Motion to deny, second, motion approved to deny student petition
3. NURS 351 request for immediate validation
  - a. College of Nursing has a new course starting in spring 2021. They have requested immediate validation. Should we look at the material to consider validation?
    1. Motion to approve consideration of immediate validation, second, motion approved to consider immediate validation
  - b. Chris Felege and Michael Dodge have volunteered to read the validation. Voting on the validation will take place at our next meeting on October 15, 2020.
4. Possible ES changes conversations (Karyn)
  - a. Have had conversations with each leadership teams in colleges, advisors, Registrar's Office, etc. Everybody expressed it would be nice to simplify. Each area expressed Essential Studies should include leadership, teamwork, data in some form. Should we include an example in our conversations with departments? Yes, that seems like it would be helpful. Maybe a good idea to look at your peers, see what they are doing. Karyn will work on coming up with some side by side examples.
5. ES rep on senate budget committee
  - a. Typically a member for the ES committee serves on the budget committee. Our past rep went off our committee. Who would like to be the rep? Will send out an email for a volunteer.