

Minutes of Essential Studies Committee, February 28 at 2:00 pm

- I. A meeting of the Essential Studies Committee was held on February 28 in Carnegie, Rm 102. Ken Flanagan presided.
In attendance at the meeting: April Bradley, Mark Jendrysik, Brooke Solberg, Clement Tang, Melissa Gjellstad, Dave Yearwood, Alena Kubatova, Lori Robison, Karyn Plumm, Joan Hawthorne, Scott Correll, Sandra Mitchell, Kristen Borysewicz, Ryan Zerr, Carla Spokely
- II. Mark Jendrysik moved to approve minutes from the January 17, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.
- III. Director's Report
 - Approximately 250 students participated in the Essential Studies Assessment Week
 - Assessment Scoring Session will be held May 8, ESC members encouraged to volunteer
 - ESC members asked to help promote the May 2, 3, 4 Undergraduate Showcase Event
- IV. Discuss ideas related to U/G requirement changes

Lori Robison provided the ESC with an update from the ad hoc subcommittee meeting. The ESC discussed the recommendations from the group about diversity revisions.

April Bradley made a motion to form a subcommittee of the ESC whose task is to take the input received from the ad hoc subcommittee working on the US and Global Diversity requirement revisions, and combine it with the work done by the ESC during the 15-16 academic year and during the Fall 2016 semester, in order to develop specific validation/revalidation guidelines and criteria for the two new special emphasis categories that will replace the US and Global Diversity requirements. The motion was seconded by Melissa Gjellstad.

Discussion ensued, which included comments related to liking the language used as part of the ad hoc subcommittee's input, seeing this input as a good framework for the ESC to use to develop specific validation/revalidation criteria, and feeling the ad hoc committee had completed the work necessary for the ESC to develop final validation/revalidation criteria from it. Questions were raised about whether it might be better to ask the ad hoc committee to do additional work before accepting their input.

Ryan Zerr made a motion to end debate on the previous motion, which was seconded by Mark Jendrysik. The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

A vote was taken on the pending motion. The motion carried with all but one in favor, one opposed, and no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm, minutes recorded by Carla Spokely. Next meeting March 7 at 2:00 pm in Carnegie 102.