
**WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee
REVISED Minutes for 19 February 2024**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on 19 February 2024, virtually via Webex by Carol Weideman, chair.

Members in Attendance: Lisa DeChano-Cook, Kirsty Eisenhart, Beth Ernst, Anne-Marie Guidy-Oulai, Dana Hammond, Carol Weideman

Members Absent: Mark Kelley, Kwangmin Lee, Matilda McLean

Advisory Members Present: Jacqueline Bizzell, Nick Gauthier, Anthony Helms, Melinda Lockett, Randy Ott, Chris Robinson, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken

Advisory Members Absent: None

Ex Officio in Attendance: Decker Hains, Sue Brodasky

Guest(s): Jonathan Bush, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Administrator; Brian Tripp, WMU Executive Studies Executive Advisory Committee Chair

Quorum

A quorum was present with seven members in attendance, of the six needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Guidy-Oulai, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Hammond, to accept the minutes of 22 January 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Weideman reported that the Excel sheet for courses has been updated for review. More cyclic reviews will be added. An additional WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee meeting may need to be scheduled. Review courses and look for high-quality examples to assist others.

Ex Officio Hains did not provide a report

Reports of University Representatives

DeChano-Cook did not provide a report.

Bush expressed appreciation for the work of the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee. Bush attended several college curriculum committee meetings, and the response has been positive. Faculty are requesting high-quality examples of assessment plans.

Ex Officio Hains joined the meeting at 11 a.m.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

Tripp reported that recruitment for the WMU Essential Studies Program Review 2024-5 is underway.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

The following cyclic review courses were reviewed by the committee, and feedback was shared with each submitter on ways to improve the course:

- ADA 2250 Drug Use: Personal and Social Impact
- ANTH 3010 Anthropology Through Film
- ANTH 3300 Anthropology of Climate Change
- ANTH 3390 Cultures of Latin America
- ANTH 3400 World Cultures: TBA (Asia, Africa, or Latin America)
- ANTH 3580 African Diaspora: The Americas
- ANTH 4530 Forensic Anthropology and Human Rights
- BCM 4540 International Ecocultural Communication for Sustainable Business Practices
- ECON 3180 The Economics of Medical Care
- ECON 3800 International Economics
- EDLD 2020 Leadership Skills for Social Change
- EDLD 3020: Leadership & Advocacy for a Diverse Society
- FCS 3150 Global Ecology of the Family
- HISP 3390 - Contemporary Latin America
- HIST 3150 Popular Art & Architecture in American History
- MATH 1140 Essential Quantitative Reasoning
- MATH 1160 Finite Mathematics
- MATH 1180 Precalculus
- MATH 2000 Calculus with Applications
- NUR 3220 Healthcare Ethics
- PHIL 2250 Deductive Logic
- PHIL 3110 Political Philosophy
- REL 3180 Death, Dying and Beyond
- SPAN 4200 Spanish Study Abroad: Global Perspectives
- STAT 1600 Discovery with Data
- STAT 2600 Data Analysis Using R
- THEA 3720, Music Theatre History - Oklahomal to Hamilton

Incomplete submission-postponed

The following cyclic review courses were reviewed by the committee and were found to be incomplete submissions and were postponed to the next meeting:

- CIS 1020 Intro Bus Comp and Data Analysis
- REL 3175 Sex, Sin, and Gender

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 18 March 2024 at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Submitted by Randy Ott, Secretary

The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee did not approve the 19 February 2024 meeting minutes