
**WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee
Minutes for 18 March 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 18 March 2024, virtually via Webex by Carol Weideman, chair.

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

Members Absent: Kwangmin Lee, Matilda McLean

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

Advisory Members Absent: Nick Gauthier, Chris Robinson

Ex Officio in Attendance: Sue Brodasky, Decker Hains (joined 11:02 a.m.)

Quorum

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

Agenda

An amendment was made to the 18 March 2024 agenda.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Eisenhart, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Hammond, to accept the minutes of 19 February 2024. The motion failed, and approval of the 19 February 2024 minutes was postponed to the 15 April 2024 meeting.

Reports of Officers

Chair Weideman did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Hains expressed appreciation for the work by the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee. Haworth College of Business (HCOB) will have submissions for the College Curriculum Committee (CCC) and will use the early review of WMU Essential Studies submissions by 31 March.

Reports of University Representatives

DeChano-Cook reported that there are no new WMU Essential Studies submissions in Curriculog.

Bush expressed appreciation for the work of the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee. Program Review Committees are beginning to populate. Cyclic review is progressing. CCCs are occurring, and feedback is positive. Bush will be meeting with HCOB CCC on 8 April.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

None.

Unfinished Business

Cyclic Review Proposals - the response will be one of the following:

- Feedback Shared: Feedback shared with the submitter with recommended improvements
- Postponed: Postponed due to an incomplete submission/missing document

1. CIS 1020-Intro Bus Comp and Data Analysis - Postponed
2. DANC 2550-Dance for Fitness - Feedback Shared

3. DANC 2560-Dance for Athletics - Feedback Shared
4. ECON 2010-Principles of Microeconomics - Feedback Shared
5. ECON 2020-Principles of Macroeconomics - Feedback Shared
6. EDLD 3010-Exploring Leadership, Culture and Social Change in Graphic Novels – Feedback Shared
7. ENGL 2660-Writing Fiction/Poetry - Feedback Shared
8. HSV 4400-Diversity and Inclusion in Health and Human Services - Feedback Shared
9. PHIL 3120-Philosophy of Art - Feedback Shared
10. REL 3175-Sex, Sin, and Gender - Postponed
11. REL 3600-The Art of Living - Feedback Shared
12. SOC 3040-Nonwestern World - Feedback Shared
13. SOC 3350-Sociology of Contemporary Latin America - Feedback Shared

New Business

Cyclic Reviews - the response will be one of the following:

- Feedback Shared; Feedback shared with the submitter with recommended improvements.
- Postponed: Postponed due to an incomplete submission/missing document.

1. AAAS 3900-Women Writers Contemporary Black Literature - Postponed
2. ENGL 1100-Literary Interpretation - Feedback Shared
3. ENGL 2100-Film Interpretation - Feedback Shared
4. ENGL 2520-Shakespeare - Feedback Shared
5. ENGR 2100 - Feedback Shared
6. ENV5 4160-Worlds of Waste and Recycling - Feedback Shared
7. GEOG 3400-Tourism of Global Cultures - Feedback Shared
8. GEOG 3550-Contemporary Issues in Resources Management - Feedback Shared
9. HIST 3310-Queer History, GWS 3310: Queer History - Postponed
10. HIST 3880-African Civilization - Feedback Shared
11. HNR5 3202-Modernism in Art and Literature - Feedback Shared
12. HOL 1000-Choices in Living - Feedback Shared
13. HOL 2000-Choices in Global Living - Postponed
14. HOL 2701-Resilient Mind - Feedback Shared
15. HOL 2801-Health and Well Being - Feedback Shared
16. HPHE 1110 Healthy Living - Feedback Shared
17. HPHE 1701-Health and Wellbeing - Feedback Shared
18. REL 4010-Animals and Religion - Postponed
19. SCI 3090-Explorations in Earth Science - Postponed

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 15 April 2024 at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Submitted by Randy Ott, Secretary

Minutes were approved on 22 April 2024