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**WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee  
Minutes for 21 and 28 October 2024**

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**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 10:01 a.m. on 21 October 2024, virtually via Webex by Carol Weideman, chair.

**Members Present:** Jonathan Bush, Kristy Eisenhart, Beth Ernst, Anne-Marie Guidy-Oulai Dana Hammond, Kwangmin Lee, Matilda McLean, Carol Weideman

**Members Absent:** Lisa DeChano-Cook

**Advisory Members Present:** Jacqueline Bizzell, Nick Gauthier, Anthony Helms, Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken

**Advisory Members Absent:** Christine Robinson

**Ex Officio Present:** Amy Naugle

**Guest:** Brian Tripp, Chair, WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee

**Quorum**

A quorum was present with nine members in attendance of the six needed to establish.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Eisenhart, to approve the minutes of 16 September 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of Officers**

Chair Weideman reported the updated evaluation spreadsheet. Requested to invite Karan Stokes Chapo to discuss rubric assessment and best practices in November.

Ex Officio Naugle discussed vacancies in the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval and WMU Essential Studies Course Executive Advisory Committees.

Tripp presented the 2024-25 charges for the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee, as approved on 8 October 2024.

**Reports of University Representatives**

Bush reported the following:

1. Overview of the comprehensive review process;
2. New assessment template to be uploaded;
3. Exercise caution in rejecting revised courses, as such actions may result in the courses being routed back to the initial stages of the process. For relatively minor issues, place courses on hold.

Ernst left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Helms left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Hammond left the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

**New Business**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Eisenhart, to approve the following list of proposals as provided. The motion carried.

- ENG2060-Artificial Intelligence Writing
- HNRS4103-Classic Horror Cinema
- NUR3220-Healthcare Ethics
- NUR4310-Community Based Nursing
- PHIL2010-The Good Life
- PHIL3340-Biomedical Ethics
- PHIL3500-Foundations of the Modern Worldview

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Eisenhart, to deny proposal AAAS4000-Race, Class, and Motherhood based on an incorrect catalog description. The motion carried.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Eisenhart, to postpone the following list of proposals to the next meeting. The motion carried.

- AAAS3050-Black Lives Matter
- AAAS3700-Gender and Environmental Justice
- ART2910-Photography
- ANTH3255-Climate Change & Marginalized Communities
- MSL1010-Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking
- MSL2050-Military Health and Fitness
- PHIL3000-Ancient & Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL3051-Study Abroad & Global Learning in Philosophy
- PHIL3180-Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society

#### **Announcements**

None.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Weideman suspended the meeting at 12:01 p.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will reconvene this meeting at 10 a.m. on 28 October 2024 via Webex.

### **Minutes for 28 October 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 10:01 a.m. on 28 October 2024, via Webex by Carol Weideman, chair.

**Members Present:** Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Kirsty Eisenhart, Dana Hammond, Kwangmin Lee, Matilda McLean, Carol Weideman

**Advisory Members Present:** Jacquelyn Bizzell, Anthony Helms, Sharon Van Dyken

**Ex Officio Present:** Sue Brodasky (substitute for Amy Naugle)

#### **Reports of University Representatives**

Bush reported the WES course review process as well as three core questions: integrity of SLOs, right category and level, and a well-articulated assessment plan.

#### **New Business**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Eisenhart, seconded by Hammond, to approve the following list of proposals as provided. The motion carried.

- PHIL2010-Contemporary Problems in Ethics
- SOC3100-Housing and Homelessness
- STAT2160-Introductory Statistics
- THEA2110-Dungeons and Dragons
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Helms left the meeting at 1130 a.m.

**Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next at 10 a.m. on 18 November 2024 via Webex.

**Approval**

Submitted by Kwangmin Lee, Secretary

Minutes approved 13 January 2025.