



TRANSFER OF CREDIT COMMITTEE Minutes of 13 February 2025

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Transfer of Credit Committee was called to order at 2 p.m. on 13 February 2025, via Webex by Melinda Holohan, chair.

Members in Attendance: Lisa DeChano-Cook, Kenneth Franks, Kerrie Harvey, Scott Hennessy, Melinda Holohan, Melinda Koelling, Heather Smith, Kenneth Smith, Jeffrey Xie

Members Absent: Mioara Diaconu, Mitchel Keil, Edward Kudzia, Steve Miller

Advisory Members Present: Kimmy Beuchler, Randy Ott

Ex Officio: Carrie Cumming

Quorum

A quorum was present with 10 members in attendance of the eight needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by DeChano-Cook, seconded by Koelling, to accept the agenda with the correction of the date to 13 February 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Koelling, seconded by H. Smith, to approve the 9 January 2025 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Holohan did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Cumming reported on two pending Memoranda of Actions:

1. Credit/No Credit option for study abroad – proposed that students who study abroad have the option to take a course credit/no credit and be allowed to use it in their major.
2. Second Bachelor's exemption from WMU Essential Studies – students whose first bachelor's degree is from outside of WMU will no longer be required to take WMU Essential Studies. This is a standard practice of most schools.

Reports of University Representatives

None.

Unfinished Business

Chair Holohan gave an update on Transfer Resource Guide progress. The guide subcommittee will be reaching out to others for additional information on specialized sections.

New Business

DeChano-Cook and Franks provided information on MOA 17/03 regarding block credit, including all credit being granted as four-year credit. In Military Science Leadership (MSL) course changes, the number of credits per course and WMU Essential Studies area assignments were discussed. WMU will look more competitive in Transferology compared to in-state competition. Cumming asked about other schools' practices regarding treating military as four-year credit as opposed to two-year credit. Minor editorial changes made to MOA by DeChano-Cook.

[MOTION] It was moved by DeChano-Cook, seconded by Franks, to approve MOA-17/03. The motion carried unanimously

Announcements

Ott announced College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management are hosting a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) event for community colleges on 25 April. The goal is for 50 to 60 participants from 12 community colleges. Ott will distribute details to TCC.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Franks, seconded by DeChano-Cook, to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Transfer of Credit Committee will next meet at 2 p.m. on 20 March 2025 via Webex teleconferencing.

Approval

Submitted by Kerrie Harvey in Steve Miller's absence.

Minutes approved on 20 March 2025.