
**WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee
Minutes of 17 February 2025**

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 10:16 a.m. on 17 February 2025, via Webex by Carol Weideman, Chair.

Members Present: Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Kirsty Eisenhart, Dana Hammond, Kwangmin Lee, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Agatha Slupek, Nathan Tabor, Carol Weideman

Members Absent: Beth Ernst, Anne-Marie Guidy-Oulai, Matilda McLean, Mustafa Mirzeler

Advisory Members Present: Jacquelyn Bizzell, Nick Gauthier, Anthony Helms, Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano

Advisory Members Absent: Christine Robinson, Sharon Van Dyken

Ex Officio Present: Decker Hains, Brian Tripp

Quorum

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

Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Eisenhart, seconded by DeChano-Cook, to accept the 13 January 2025 minutes pending minor edits. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Weideman did not provide a report.

Ex Officious Hains and Tripp did not provide a report

Reports of University Representatives

DeChano-Cook did not provide a report.

Bush did not provide a report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Chair Weideman and Bush led a discussion on ways to better support faculty for proposal development and shared the WMU Essential Studies Plan Template. WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee members will prepare a sample proposal at each level to illustrate how the course fulfills the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) requirements outlined in the template.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next at 10 a.m. on 17 March 2025 in-person at the Student Center Room 2209/2211.

Approval

Submitted by Kwangmin Lee, Secretary

Minutes approved on 17 March 2025.