



1 April 2025

**TO: WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee:** Elissa Allen, Elizabeth Isidro, Lindsay Jeffers, Lei Meng, Jessica Parker, Brenda Srof, Kathryn Wagner, Luchara Wallace  
**Advisory Members:** Jonathan Bush, Carrie Cumming, Lisa DeChano-Cook  
**Ex Officio:** Decker Hains  
**FROM:** Brian Tripp, Chair

**WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee AGENDA  
8 April 2025 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee – 11 March 2025 Minutes
4. **Reports of Officers**
  - a. Chair Report – Tripp
  - b. Ex Officio Report – Hains
5. **Reports of University Representatives**
  - a. WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director – Ott
  - b. WMU Curriculum Manager – DeChano-Cook
6. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Leadership Recruitment: Candidates for WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee for 2025-26 Academic Year – Hains
    - i. Chair Candidate – Allen
    - ii. Vice Chair Candidate – Isidro
    - iii. Secretary – No Nominations
  - b. Update on Two Ad-Hoc Joint Committees - WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee and WMU Essential Executive Advisory Committee
    - i. Student Learning Outcomes Review Model - Tripp
    - ii. Assessment Plan Model – Bush
7. **New Business**
  - a. Endorsement of Beth Ernst as Candidate for the 2025-26 WMU Essential Studies
  - b. Fellow Position – Bush
  - c. Preview of the 23 April WMU Essential Studies Review Event – Bush
8. **Announcements**
  - a. WMU Essential Studies Program Conference Results from the 2024-25 WMU Essential Studies Comprehensive Review Scheduled for 23 April, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. “Advancing WMU Essential Studies: Insights, Assessments, and Future Directions” – Tripp
9. **Adjournment**