

27 October 2025

TO: **WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee Members:**
Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Anne-Marie Guidy-Oulai, Dana Hammond,
Kwangmin Lee, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Matilda McLean, Mustafa Mirzeler, Marie Moreno,
Agatha Slupek, Nathan Tabor, Kathryn Wagner
Advisory Members: Jaquelyn Bizzell, Lucy Kent-Bracken, Melinda Lockett, Colleen
Stano, Sharon VanDyken, Destiny Wallace
Ex Officious: Janet Hahn, Executive Board, Elissa Allen, Chair, WMU Essential Studies
Executive Advisory Committee

GUEST: Beth Ernst, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Fellow

FROM: Katherine Suender, Chair

**WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee
AGENDA**

Monday, 3 November 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee – 20 October 2025
4. **Reports of Officers**
 - a. Chair Report – Suender
 - b. Ex Officio Report – Hahn
 - c. WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee Report – Allen
5. **Reports of University Representatives**
 - a. WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director Report – Bush
 - b. Curriculum Manager Report – DeChano-Cook
6. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Course Proposals – 20 October Meeting
 1. [AAAS - 3140 - The Black Community: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives](#)
 2. [AAAS - 3700 - Women and Environmental Justice: An African Perspective](#)
 3. [AAAS - 4000 - Race, Class, and Motherhood](#)
 4. [EM - 3020 - Engineering Teams: Theory and Practice](#)
 5. [EM - 4020 - Engineering Leadership](#)
 6. [HISP - 1240 - Indigenous Languages and Cultures in the Americas](#)
 7. [HIST - 3300 - Canadian History and Culture](#)
 8. [PHIL - 3040 - Ethics Bowl](#)
 9. [PHIL - 3310 - Moral Philosophy](#)
 10. [PHIL - 3320 - Theory of Knowledge](#)
 11. [PHIL - 3330 - Metaphysics](#)
 12. [STAT - 2160 - Introductory Statistics](#)
 13. [STAT - 2600 - Data Analysis Using R](#)

7. New Business

- a. Course Proposals – Minor Changes
 - 1. [AVS - 3777 - Aviation Study Abroad](#)
 - 2. [CHEG - 4870 - Senior Design Project](#)
 - 3. [EM - 4910 - Senior Design Proposal](#)
 - 4. [EM - 4920 - Senior Design Project](#)
 - 5. [MATH - 1500 - Number Concepts for Elementary/Middle School Teachers](#)
- b. Course Proposals – Major Changes
 - 1. [BCM - 4340 - Generative AI and Advanced Business Communications](#)
 - 2. [HIST - 3570 - Global History Through Games: How Video, Board, and Roleplaying Games Shape Our Global Past](#)
 - 3. [MATH - 1700 - Calculus I, Science and Engineering](#)
 - 4. [PAPR - 4870 - Senior Design Project](#)
 - 5. [STAT - 1600 - Discovery with Data](#)

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment