
WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee
Minutes of 16 December 2024

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Essential Studies Executive Advisory Board was called to order at 1 p.m. on 16 December 2024, via Webex video conferencing, by Brian Tripp, chair.

Members in Attendance: Elissa Allen, Elizabeth Isidro, Brenda Srof, Brian Tripp, Kathryn Wagner

Members Absent: Lindsay Jeffers, Lois Lemon, Lei Meng, Jessica Parker,

Advisory Members Present: Jonathan Bush, Carrie Cumming, Lisa DeChano-Cook

Ex Officio Members Present: Decker Hains

Quorum: A quorum was present with six members in attendance, of the six needed to establish a quorum.

New Business

This appeal was originally submitted to the WMU Faculty Senate Executive Board on 13 December 2024 by Lieutenant Colonel Caitlin M. Hinterman, Chair and Professor of Military Science and Leadership. The appeal was referred to the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee for review. *“The Executive Board approved a motion on 13 December 2024 for the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee to hear the details of the appeal and render a decision to either approve or deny the two courses in question, no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, 17 December 2024.”* The two proposals were discussed, and a vote was called.

[MOTION] It was moved by Allen, seconded by Wagner, to approve an appeal of two WMU Essential Studies courses, MLS 1010 - Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking and MLS 2050 - Military Health and Fitness, previously submitted to and denied by the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approval

Brian Tripp, Chair

Minutes approved on 14 January 2025.