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

Minutes of 17 October 2022

**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 10:17 a.m. on 17 October 2022, virtually via Webex by Colleen Stano, vice chair.

**Members in Attendance:** Kirsty Eisenhart, Michele McGrady, Matilda McLean, Carol Weideman

**Members Absent:** Beth Ernst, Dana Hammond, Gina Kling

**Advisory Members Present:** Jacquelyn Bizzell, Anthony Helms, Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano, Sharon Van Dyken

**Advisory Members Absent:** Nick Gauthier, Shannon Myers, Nicolas Witschi

**Ex Officio:** Sarah Summy

**Guest:** Jonathan Bush, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director, Randy Ott, Senior Director of Academic Collaboration, Merze Tate College

**Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**Agenda**

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

McLean joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Chair Weideman joined the meeting at 11 a.m.

**Minutes**

Approval of minutes was postponed.

**Reports of Officers**

Chair Weideman reported on Curriculog processes and reiterated that only the council/committee chair can send the decision to the initiator.

President Summy did not provide a report.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

None.

**Reports of University Representatives**

Bush discussed meetings with WMU chairs and directors on the WMU Essential Studies process. The focus of these meetings is to increase understanding and communication. For example, how WMU Essential Studies can help programs meet strategic goals. Ott discussed the messaging of WMU Essential Studies to the University community.

Bush left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Due to his absence, Witschi did not provide a report.

**Unfinished Business**

Teams 1 and Team 3 discussed curriculum proposals for initial review.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Eisenhart, seconded by McGrady, to approve the following proposals: HOL 2000, HOL 2701, LHC 4300, LHC 2900, LHC 4900, and PH 2340 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Team 2 discussed curriculum proposals for cyclic review.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by McGrady, seconded by Eisenhart, to approve the following proposals: ART 2200, ECON 3890, EDLD 2000, GEOG 2560, GWS 2000, BUS 2200, and IEE 2610 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Team 2 reviewed CHIN 2800 and ECE 2210 and recommended that the proposals be returned to the faculty initiators.

### **Announcements**

None.

### **Adjournment**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by McGrady, seconded by Eisenhart, to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 21 November 2022 via Webex at 10 a.m.

### **Approval**

Submitted by Michele McGrady, Secretary

Minutes approved on 21 November 2022.