
WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee

Minutes of 20 March 2023

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 a.m. on 20 March 2023 via Webex video conferencing by Carol Weideman, chair.

Members Present: Kirsty Eisenhart, Beth Ernst, Dana Hammond, Carol Weideman

Members Absent: Gina Kling, Matilda McLean

Advisory Members Present: Jaqueline Bizzell, Jonathan Bush, Nick Gauthier, Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano, Sharon Van Dyken, Nicolas Witschi

Advisory Members Absent: Shannon Myers

Ex Officio Absent: Decker Hains

Guest(s): Randy Ott, Senior Director, Merze Tate College

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

A motion is made to remove HNRS courses from the agenda.

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Eisenhart to accept the minutes from 20 February 2023 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Weideman did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Hains did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Bush reported that review of the new and revised courses will be a priority with the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee.

Witschi reported on the updates to the 2024-25 cyclic review in Curriculog.

Unfinished Business

Actions on curriculum proposals follow:

1. ANTH 4530 – Approve (see comments to improve for cyclical review)
2. ART 3300 - Approve
3. COM 4840 - Approve
4. CS 2270 – Reject
5. CYIS 2310 - Approve
6. DANC 2550 – Approve (see recommendation to reduce number of assessments)
7. DANC 2560 - Approve
8. ENGL 2110 - Approve
9. ES 3950 - Approve
10. MKTG 2750 - Approve
11. SPAN 3080 - Reject

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

New Business

Actions on curriculum proposals follow:

1. ART 2450 – Reject (see comments and resubmit)
2. CS 2820 - Reject
3. GEOG 2250 - Approve
4. PHIL 3330 - Approve
5. REL 1100 – Reject (should resubmit after correcting syllabus and assessment plan)
6. REL 3175 - Approve
7. SWRK 3300 - Approve

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

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Weideman, seconded by Hammond, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The motion carried unanimously. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee's next meeting will be on 17 April 2023 at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by Colleen Stano, Vice Chair

Minutes approved on 16 October 2023.