
WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee

Minutes for 20 and 27 November 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 10:01 a.m. on 20 November 2023 and reconvened at 10:03 a.m. on 27 November 2023, virtually via Webex by Carol Weideman, chair.

20 November 2023 Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Beth Ernst, Dana Hammond, Matilda McLean, Carol Weideman

Members Absent: Kim Buchholz (substitute for Kate Thomsen), Kirsty Eisenhart

Advisory Members Present: Anthony Helms, Melinda Lockett, Randy Ott, Colleen Stano

Advisory Members Absent: Jaquelyn Bizzell, Nick Gauthier, Christine Robinson, Sharon VanDyken

Ex Officio in Attendance: Sue Brodasky, Decker Hains

20 November 2023 Quorum

A quorum was present, with five members in attendance; five were needed to establish a quorum.

27 November 2023 Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Kim Buchholz (substitute for Kate Thomsen), Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Kirsty Eisenhart, Beth Ernst, Dana Hammond, Matilda McLean, Carol Weideman

Members Absent:

Advisory Members Present: Jaquelyn Bizzell, Anthony Helms, Melinda Lockett, Randy Ott, Christine Robinson

Advisory Members Absent: Nick Gauthier, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken

Ex Officio in Attendance: Sue Brodasky, Decker Hains

27 November 2023 Quorum

A quorum was present with seven members in attendance, of the five needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Hammond, to approve the minutes of 16 October 2023 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Weideman reported that there are a lot of proposals to review, so an additional meeting has been scheduled for 27 November.

Ex Officio Hains reported that all proposals approved by the committee at its 16 October meeting have been approved by the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee.

Reports of University Representatives

DeChano Cook did not provide a report.

Bush reported the specific criteria that the committee is to use while reviewing proposals.

1. Does the course maintain the integrity of the stated SLOs
2. Is the course in the right WMU Essential Studies level
3. Does the course have an appropriate and well-articulated assessment plan

Unfinished Business

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Ernst, to approve ECON3210-The Economics of Immigration and HSV1000-Introduction to Professions in Health & Human Services proposals as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Ernst, to postpone the PHIL3051-Study Abroad and Global Learning in Philosophy proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The following list of course proposals was reviewed by the committee:

1. AE2610-Intro to Aerospace Engineering
2. ANTH1500-Human Biocultural Diversity
3. ANTH2520-Scientific Applications in Forensic Anthropology
4. ANTH3440-Indigenous North America
5. ART1200-Introduction to Art
6. CYIS2310-Ethics and Impacts
7. EDLD3020-Leadership and Advocacy for a Diverse Society
8. HNRS2500-The Politics of Genocide
9. HNRS2501-Thinking with Rivers
10. HNRS3201-Art of the Book
11. HNRS4200-Reinventing the American Public Schools
12. HNRS4302-Study in the States-Planetary Sustainability
13. HNRS4303-Study in the States
14. HNRS4700-Natural Science and Technology: Application and Implications
15. HPHE1701-Health and Personal Wellness Practices
16. HSV4780-U.S. Health Policy
17. MDVL2000-Medieval Encounters
18. PHIL2000-Introduction to Philosophy
19. PHIL3010-Modern Philosophy
20. PHYS1020-Energy and the Environment
21. PHYS1070-Elementary Physics
22. PHYS1130-General Physics 1
23. PSCI3040-American Public Policy
24. REL1050-What is Religion Today
25. REL1100-Native Am Magic
26. SWRK4230-History, Policies, and Confronting Disparities in Child Welfare
27. SWRK4530-Child Maltreatment, Prevention, Assessment, and Intervention

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Ernst, to approve the slate of proposals as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

The following list of course proposals was reviewed by the committee:

1. ART2450-Graphic Design Topics
2. AVS3201-Project Management
3. CHEM1510-General Chemistry and Health
4. CHEM1520-General Chemistry and Health Lab
5. ENGL1066-Monsters, Witches, Sailors, Knights: Mythic Figures in Global Medievalism
6. ENGL1660-Creativity in the 21st Century
7. ENGL4220-American Identities
8. GEOG2050-Human Geography
9. GEOS3911-Forensic Geosciences
10. HNRS2800-Climate Fiction Unstable Writing for an Unknown Future
11. HNRS3300-The 1960's
12. HNRS3400-Globalization in Six Glasses
13. HNRS4301-Study in the States - Diversity and Inclusion
14. MGMT3010-Leadership and Business Strategy 1- Practicum
15. MUS 4520-Exploring Asian Cultures through Music and Martial Arts
16. OCL2000-Principles of Organizational Change and Development

17. OCL2040-Workplace Coaching: Principles, Theory and Practice
18. OCL3000-Workplace Culture
19. OCL3050-Organizational Consulting
20. OCL3200-Great Thinkers of Organizational Change
21. OCL4300-Understanding and Designing the Global Organization
22. PADM1500-Civic Engagement & Digital Governance
23. PADM3750-Society, Social Justice, Sustainability
24. PSCI3600-Ancient Political Thought
25. REL2000-Thinking about Religion
26. STAT2160-Introductory Statistics
27. THEA3700-Global Performance

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Ernst, to deny the slate of proposals as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Weideman suspended the 20 November 2023 meeting at 12:04 p.m. The meeting will be reconvened on 27 November 2023 at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Chair Weideman adjourned the 27 November 2023 meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee meeting will be held on 4 December 2023 at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by Randy Ott, Secretary

Minutes approved on 4 December 2023.