

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

*REVISED* Minutes for 19 February 2024

**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 10:05 a.m. on 19 February 2024, virtually via Webex by Carol Weideman, chair.

**Members in Attendance:** Lisa DeChano-Cook, Kirsty Eisenhart, Beth Ernst, Anne-Marie Guidy-Oulai, Dana Hammond, Carol Weideman

**Members Absent:** Mark Kelley, Kwangmin Lee, Matilda McLean

**Advisory Members Present:** Jacqueline Bizzell, Nick Gauthier, Anthony Helms, Melinda Lockett, Randy Ott, Chris Robinson, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken

**Advisory Members Absent:** None

**Ex Officio in Attendance:** Decker Hains, Sue Brodasky

**Guest(s):** Jonathan Bush, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Administrator; Brian Tripp, WMU Executive Studies Executive Advisory Committee Chair

**Quorum**

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

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Hammond, to accept the minutes of 22 January 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of Officers**

Chair Weideman reported that the Excel sheet for courses has been updated for review. More cyclic reviews will be added. An additional WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee meeting may need to be scheduled. Review courses and look for high-quality examples to assist others.

Ex Officio Hains did not provide a report

**Reports of University Representatives**

DeChano-Cook did not provide a report.

Bush expressed appreciation for the work of the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee. Bush attended several college curriculum committee meetings, and the response has been positive. Faculty are requesting high-quality examples of assessment plans.

Ex Officio Hains joined the meeting at 11 a.m.

**Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees**

Tripp reported that recruitment for the WMU Essential Studies Program Review 2024-5 is underway.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

The following cyclic review courses were reviewed by the committee, and feedback was shared with each submitter on ways to improve the course:

1. ADA 2250 Drug Use: Personal and Social Impact
2. ANTH 3010 Anthropology Through Film
3. ANTH 3300 Anthropology of Climate Change
4. ANTH 3390 Cultures of Latin America
5. ANTH 3400 World Cultures: TBA (Asia, Africa, or Latin America)
6. ANTH 3580 African Diaspora: The Americas
7. ANTH 4530 Forensic Anthropology and Human Rights
8. BCM 4540 International Ecocultural Communication for Sustainable Business Practices
9. ECON 3180 The Economics of Medical Care
10. ECON 3800 International Economics
11. EDLD 2020 Leadership Skills for Social Change
12. EDLD 3020: Leadership & Advocacy for a Diverse Society
13. FCS 3150 Global Ecology of the Family
14. HISP 3390 - Contemporary Latin America
15. HIST 3150 Popular Art & Architecture in American History
16. MATH 1140 Essential Quantitative Reasoning
17. MATH 1160 Finite Mathematics
18. MATH 1180 Precalculus
19. MATH 2000 Calculus with Applications
20. NUR 3220 Healthcare Ethics
21. PHIL 2250 Deductive Logic
22. PHIL 3110 Political Philosophy
23. REL 3180 Death, Dying and Beyond
24. SPAN 4200 Spanish Study Abroad: Global Perspectives
25. STAT 1600 Discovery with Data
26. STAT 2600 Data Analysis Using R
27. THEA 3720, Music Theatre History - Oklahoma! to Hamilton

Incomplete submission-postponed

The following cyclic review courses were reviewed by the committee and were found to be incomplete submissions and were postponed to the next meeting:

1. CIS 1020 Intro Bus Comp and Data Analysis
2. REL 3175 Sex, Sin, and Gender

### **Announcements**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 18 March 2024 at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Submitted by Randy Ott, Secretary

The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee did not approve the 19 February 2024 meeting minutes