

14 October 2025

TO: **WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee Members:**
Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Anne-Marie Guidy-Oulai, Dana Hammond,
Kwangmin Lee, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Matilda McLean, Mustafa Mirzeler, Marie Moreno,
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Robinson, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken, Destiny Wallace
Ex Officiis: Janet Hahn, Executive Board, Elissa Allen, Chair, WMU Essential Studies
Executive Advisory Committee

GUEST: Beth Ernst, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Fellow

FROM: Faculty Senate Office

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AGENDA

20 October 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Elections** – Hahn
 - a. Chair
3. **Acceptance of the Agenda**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee – 15 September 2025
5. **Reports of Officers**
 - a. Chair Report – To Be Determined
 - b. Ex Officio Report – Hahn
 - c. WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee – Allen
6. **Reports of University Representatives**
 - a. WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director – Bush
 - b. Curriculum Manager – DeChano-Cook
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Course Proposals
 1. [AE - 4802 - Spacecraft Design](#)
 2. [COM - 4840 - Health Communication](#)
 3. [HIST - 3280 - African-American History and Culture](#)
 4. [HOL - 3350 - Introduction to Stress Management](#)
 5. [ECON - 1080 - Global Economic Challenges and Trends](#)
 6. [ECON - 3150 - Sports Economics](#)
 7. [NUR - 4330 - Population Based Nursing-RN](#)
 8. [STAT - 1600 - Discovery with Data](#)
 9. [STAT - 2160 - Introductory Statistics](#)
 10. [STAT - 2600 - Data Analysis Using R](#)

8. New Business

a. Course Proposals

1. [AAAS - 3050 - Black Lives Matter: Race, State Violence, and Social Movements](#)
2. [AAAS - 3140 - The Black Community: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives](#)
3. [AAAS - 3700 - Women and Environmental Justice: An African Perspective](#)
4. [AAAS - 4000 - Race, Class, and Motherhood](#)
5. [EM - 3020 - Engineering Teams: Theory and Practice](#)
6. [EM - 4020 - Engineering Leadership](#)
7. [HISP - 1240 - Indigenous Languages and Cultures in the Americas](#)
8. [HIST - 3300 - Canadian History and Culture](#)
9. [PHIL - 3040 - Ethics Bowl](#)
10. [PHIL - 3310 - Moral Philosophy](#)
11. [PHIL - 3320 - Theory of Knowledge](#)
12. [PHIL - 3330 - Metaphysics](#)

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment