

27 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,  
Agatha Slupek, Nathan Tabor, Kathryn Wagner  
**Advisory Members:** Jaquelyn Bizzell, Lucy Kent-Bracken, Melinda Lockett, 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:** Katherine Suender, Chair

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

**AGENDA**

3 November 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee – 20 October 2025
4. **Reports of Officers**
  - a. Chair Report – Suender
  - b. Ex Officio Report – Hahn
  - c. WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee Report – Allen
5. **Reports of University Representatives**
  - a. WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director Report – Bush
  - b. Curriculum Manager Report – DeChano-Cook
6. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Course Proposals – 20 October Meeting
    1. [AAAS - 3140 - The Black Community: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives](#)
    2. [AAAS - 3700 - Women and Environmental Justice: An African Perspective](#)
    3. [AAAS - 4000 - Race, Class, and Motherhood](#)
    4. [EM - 3020 - Engineering Teams: Theory and Practice](#)
    5. [EM - 4020 - Engineering Leadership](#)
    6. [HISP - 1240 - Indigenous Languages and Cultures in the Americas](#)
    7. [HIST - 3300 - Canadian History and Culture](#)
    8. [PHIL - 3040 - Ethics Bowl](#)
    9. [PHIL - 3310 - Moral Philosophy](#)
    10. [PHIL - 3320 - Theory of Knowledge](#)
    11. [PHIL - 3330 - Metaphysics](#)
    12. [STAT - 2160 - Introductory Statistics](#)
    13. [STAT - 2600 - Data Analysis Using R](#)

## **7. New Business**

- a. Course Proposals – Minor Changes
  1. [AVS - 3777 - Aviation Study Abroad](#)
  2. [CHEG - 4870 - Senior Design Project](#)
  3. [EM - 4910 - Senior Design Proposal](#)
  4. [EM - 4920 - Senior Design Project](#)
  5. [MATH - 1500 - Number Concepts for Elementary/Middle School Teachers](#)
- b. Course Proposals – Major Changes
  1. [BCM - 4340 - Generative AI and Advanced Business Communications](#)
  2. [HIST - 3570 - Global History Through Games: How Video, Board, and Roleplaying Games Shape Our Global Past](#)
  3. [MATH - 1700 - Calculus I, Science and Engineering](#)
  4. [PAPR - 4870 - Senior Design Project](#)
  5. [STAT - 1600 - Discovery with Data](#)

## **8. Announcements**

## **9. Adjournment**