
WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee

Minutes of 3 November 2025

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 10:08 a.m. on 3 November 2025, via Webex by Katherine Suender, chair.

Members Present: Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Dana Hammond, Kwangmin Lee, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Matilda McLean, Marie Moreno, Katherine Suender, Agatha Slupek, Kathryn Wagner

Members Absent: Anne Marie Guidy-Oulai, Mustafa Mirzeler, Nathan Tabor

Advisory Members Present: Jacquelyn Bizzell Lucy Kent-Bracken, Destiny Wallace

Advisory Members Absent: Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken

Ex Officio Present: Elissa Allen, Janet Hahn

Quorum

A quorum was present with 12 members in attendance of the eight needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Lee, seconded by Lyon-Callo, to accept the 20 October 2025 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Suender did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Hahn did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

DeChano-Cook did not provide a report.

Action Items

Chair Suender led the review of the pending curriculum proposals.

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Allen, to approve the following list of curriculum proposals. The motion carried.

- AAAS – 3140 - The Black Community, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
- AAAS – 3700 – Women and Environmental Justice: An African Perspective
- AAAS – 4000 – Race, Class, and Motherhood
- AVS - 3777 - Aviation Study Abroad
- BCM - 4340 - Generative AI and Advanced Business Communications
- CHEG - 4870 - Senior Design Project
- HISP - 1240 - Indigenous Languages and Cultures in the Americas
- HIST – 3300 - Canadian History and Culture
- MATH - 1500 - Number Concepts for Elementary/Middle School Teachers
- MATH - 1700 - Calculus I, Science and Engineering
- PHIL – 3040 – Ethics Bowl

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Lyon-Callo, to postpone the following list of curriculum proposals to the next meeting. The motion carried.

- EM – 3020 – Engineering Teams: Theory and Practice
- EM – 4020 – Engineering Leadership

- EM - 4910 - Senior Design Proposal
- EM - 4920 - Senior Design Project
- HIST - 3570 - Global History Through Games: How Video, Board, and Roleplaying Games Shape Our Global Past
- PAPR - 4870 - Senior Design Project
- PHIL – 3310 – Moral Philosophy
- PHIL – 3320 – Theory of Knowledge
- PHIL – 3330 – Metaphysics
- STAT - 1600 - Discovery with Data
- STAT - 2160 - Introductory Statistics
- STAT - 2600 - Data Analysis Using R

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Suender adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 10 November at 10 a.m. via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Kwangmin Lee, Secretary

Minutes approved on 10 November 2025.