
WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee

Minutes of 10 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 a.m. on 10 November 2025, via Webex by Katherine Suender, chair.

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

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

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

Advisory Members Absent: Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano

Ex Officio Present: Elissa Allen, Janet Hahn

Quorum

A quorum was present with 11 members in attendance of the eight needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Hahn, to approve the 3 November 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

Bush did not provide a report.

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.

- CECP – 33700 – Introduction to Career Planning and Development
- CECP – 3800 – Personal Growth and Development Through the Lifespan
- EM – 3020 – Engineering Teams: Theory and Practice
- EM – 4020 – Engineering Leadership
- EM - 4910 - Senior Design Proposal
- EM - 4920 - Senior Design Project
- PAPR - 4870 - Senior Design Project

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

- COM – 2710 – Introduction to User Experience
- FCS - 1260 - The Fashion Industry
- FCS - 1290 - Stitch Happens: Sew It Like You Mean It
- FCS - 2100 - Human Sexuality

- FCS - 3110 - Youth Development Foundations
- FCS - 3320 - Apparel Sourcing and Management
- HIST - 3570 - Global History Through Games: How Video, Board, and Roleplaying Games Shape Our Global Past
- 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 17 November at 10 a.m. via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Kwangmin Lee, Secretary

Minutes approved on 17 November 2025.