
WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee

Minutes of 17 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 17 November 2025, via Webex by Katherine Suender, chair.

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

Members Absent: Nathan Tabor

Advisory Members Present: Lucy Kent-Bracken, Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken, Destiny Wallace

Advisory Members Absent: Jacquelyn Bizzell

Ex Officious Present: Elissa Allen, Janet Hahn

Quorum

A quorum was present with 13 members in attendance of the 10 needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Hammond, seconded by Hahn, to accept the agenda with the removal of Mustafa Mirzeler. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by DeChano-Cook, seconded by Hahn, to approve the 10 November 2025 minutes with the removal of Mustafa Mirzeler. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Suender did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Hahn commented that individuals who cannot attend during the fall semester should seek schedule adjustments for next fall or reconsider their membership.

Ex Officio 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 Guidy-Oulai, seconded by Wagner, to approve the following list of curriculum proposals. The motion carried unanimously.

- COM - 2710 - Introduction to User Experience (UX)
- FCS - 1260 - The Fashion Industry
- FCS - 1290 - Stitch Happens: Sew It Like You Mean It
- FCS - 2100 - Human Sexuality
- FCS - 3320 - Apparel Sourcing and Management
- GWS - 1000 - Media and the Sexes
- HIST - 3570 - Global History Through Games: How Video, Board, and Roleplaying Games Shape Our Global Past
- MATH - 1180 - Precalculus Mathematics
- MATH - 1220 - Calculus I

- MATH - 2650 - Probability and Statistics for Elementary/Middle School Teachers
- MGMT - 3500 - Diversity and Inclusion in Organizations
- 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

[MOTION] It was moved by Guidy-Oulai, seconded by Wagner, to postpone the following list of curriculum proposals to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- FCS - 3110 - Youth Development Foundations
- GWS - 2000 - Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- MATH - 1178 - Precalculus A: Functions and Algebra
- MATH - 1179 - Precalculus B: Trigonometry

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Suender adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 24 November at 10 a.m. via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Kwangmin Lee, Secretary

Minutes approved on 24 November 2025.