

WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee

Minutes of 24 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 24 November 2025, via Webex by Katherine Suender, Chair.

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

Members Absent: Dana Hammond, Nathan Tabor, Kathryn Wagner

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

Advisory Members Absent: Melinda Lockett, Colleen Stano

Ex Officio Present: Janet Hahn, Elissa Allen

Quorum

A quorum was present with 15 members in attendance of the eight needed to establish a quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by McLean, seconded by Lyon-Callo, to accept the 24 November 2025 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Guidy-Oulai, seconded by Allen, to approve the 17 November 2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Suender did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Hahn did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Allen did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Bush emphasized the importance of clearly articulating what constitutes a strong assessment plan. The committee reviewed effective models throughout this semester, and the goal for the spring semester will be to communicate and showcase exemplary assessment plans before the next major cycle begins in the summer and fall. The recommendation was to proceed with the scheduled February meeting but cancel December and January, as there are no urgent action items at this time.

Action Items

Chair Suender led review of the pending curriculum proposals.

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

- FCS – 3110 – Youth Development Foundations
- MATH – 178 – Precalculus A: Functions and Algebra
- MATH – 1179 – Precalculus B: Trigonometry

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

- AE - 2610 – Introduction to Aerospace Engineering
- AE – 4690 – Aircraft Design
- HNRS – 2700 – Research on and with Artificial Intelligence

- HNRS – 4104 – Modern Horror Cinema
- MKTG – 3961 – Global Sustainability Marketing: Eco-Tourism Study Abroad Consulting Project
- MKTG – 3962 – Study Abroad Project: Local Marketing Plans with Global Sustainability Insights
- SOC – 3130 – Family and Society
- SCM – 3960 – Culture and Supply Chain in Thailand Study Abroad Seminar Faculty Senate2
- SCM – 3963 – Culture Dynamics and U.S. Regulations in the Supply Chain of Exotic Pet/Plant Import

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Suender adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next at 10 a.m. on 16 February 2026 via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Kwangmin Lee, Secretary

Minutes approved on 16 February 2026.