
WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee

Minutes of 9 December 2025

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee was called to order at 1 p.m. on 9 December 2025 via Webex video conferencing by Elissa Allen, chair.

Members Present: Dana Hammond, Antonio Iseas (substitute for Lindsay Jeffers), Elizabeth Isidro, Brian Tripp, Jessica Parker, Kathryn Wagner, Luchara Wallace

Member Absent: Beth Ernst

Advisory Members Present: Jonathan Bush, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Carrie Cumming

Ex Officio Present: Janet Hahn

Quorum

A quorum was present with eight members of the five necessary to establish a quorum.

Recording Notice

Chair Allen announced that the meeting was being recorded solely for the purpose of taking accurate minutes, due to the absence of a secretary. The recording will be deleted following approval of the minutes.

Agenda

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Parker, seconded by Hammond, to approve the 11 November 2025 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Allen did not present a formal report.

Ex Officio Hahn did not present a formal report.

Reports of University Representatives

Bush noted that the primary purpose of the December meeting was to act on curriculum and transfer course proposals that had been reviewed and approved by the WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee (CRAC). No additional programmatic updates were presented.

DeChano-Cook did not present a formal report.

Unfinished Business

Chair Allen opened nominations for secretary. No nominations were made. Allen will continue recording meetings until the position is filled.

New Business

Chair Allen presented the curriculum proposals approved by CRAC for WES EA action, as listed on the agenda. The following proposals were presented for a vote:

- a. AE - 2610 - Introduction to Aerospace Engineering
- b. AE - 4690 - Aircraft Design

- c. BCM - 4340 - Generative AI and Advanced Business Communications
- d. CHEG - 4870 - Senior Design Project
- e. COM - 2710 - Introduction to User Experience (UX)
- f. FCS - 1260 - The Fashion Industry
- g. FCS - 1290 - Stitch Happens: Sew It Like You Mean It
- h. FCS - 2100 - Human Sexuality
- i. FCS - 3110 - Youth Development Foundations
- j. FCS - 3320 - Apparel Sourcing and Management
- k. GWS - 1000 - Media and the Sexes
- l. GWS - 2000 - Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- m. HIST - 3570 - Global History Through Games: How Video, Board, and Roleplaying Games Shape Our Global Past
- n. HNRS - 2700 - Research on and with AI
- o. HNRS - 4104 - Modern Horror Cinema
- p. MATH - 1178 - Precalculus A: Functions and Algebra
- q. MATH - 1179 - Precalculus B: Trigonometry
- r. MATH - 1180 - Precalculus Mathematics
- s. MATH - 1220 - Calculus I
- t. MATH - 2650 - Probability and Statistics for Elementary/Middle School Teachers
- u. MGMT - 3500 - Diversity and Inclusion in Organizations
- v. MKTG - 3961 - Global Sustainability Marketing: Eco-Tourism Study Abroad Consulting Project
- w. MKTG - 3962 - Study Abroad Project: Local Marketing Plans with Global Sustainability Insights
- x. PHIL - 3310 - Moral Philosophy
- y. PHIL - 3320 - Theory of Knowledge
- z. PHIL - 3330 - Metaphysics
- aa. SCM - 3960 - Culture and Supply Chain in Thailand Study Abroad Seminar
- bb. SCM - 3963 - Cultural Dynamics and U.S. Regulations in the Supply Chain of Exotic Pet/Plant Import
- cc. SOC - 3130 - Family and Society
- dd. STAT - 2160 - Introductory Statistics
- ee. STAT - 2600 - Data Analysis Using R

[MOTION] It was moved by Tripp, seconded by Isidro, to approve all curriculum proposals as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Allen introduced the transfer course proposals and noted that the volume and breadth of the proposals warranted additional time for committee discussion. Discussion was held, and the committee agreed that a more thorough review would be beneficial. Chair Allen recommended deferring substantive discussion of the transfer course proposals to a future meeting to allow members additional time to review the materials and to ensure adequate consideration of the proposed equivalencies.

[MOTION] It was moved by Parker, seconded by Hammond, to postpone discussion of the transfer course proposals to a subsequent meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Tripp, seconded by Isidro, to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The motion carried. The next meeting will be held on 13 January 2026 via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Elissa Allen, Chair

Minutes approved on 13 January 2026.