
WMU ESSENTIAL STUDIES COURSE REVIEW AND APPROVAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of 21 March 2022

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 10:04 a.m. on 21 March 2022, via Webex video conferencing by Colleen Stano, chair.

Members Attending: Kirsty Eisenhart, Beth Ernst, Dana Hammond, Michele McGrady, Matilda McLean, Kathryn Wagner, Carol Weideman

Members Absent: Gina Kling, Kathryn Thomsen

Advisory Members Attending: Diana Blouin, Nick Gauthier, Melinda Lockett, Shannon Myers, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken

Advisory Members Absent: Anthony Helms, Nicolas Witschi

Ex Officio Attending: Decker Hains

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Weideman, seconded by McGrady, to approve September, October, and December minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Weideman, seconded by McGrady, to approve February minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Stano reminded the committee of the final meeting on 20 April to complete outstanding proposals.

Ex Officio Hains reminded the committee of the May deadline for submitting an annual report to the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee.

McLean joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Reports of University Representatives

Due to the absence of Interim WMU Essential Studies Director Witschi, no report was provided.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

None.

Ernst joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Wagner left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Unfinished Business

The following courses were discussed for the cyclical review:

1. EDLD2000
 - a. The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
2. IEE2610

- a. The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
- 3. GEOG2650
 - a. The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.

[MOTION] It was moved by McGrady, seconded by Ernst, to approve the review of proposals EDLD2000, IEE2610, and GEOG2650. The motion carried unanimously.

The following courses were discussed for initial proposal review:

- 1. WES_BIOS2320_L2020-BIOS-2
 - a. The committee recommended denying the proposal with recommendations for resubmission.
- 2. WES_BUS3960_B2021_BUS-18_BUS-18
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal with changes.
- 3. WES_JPNS1000_L2021_LANG-153
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
- 4. WES_GER1000_L2021_LANG-152
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
- 5. WES_HPHE1700_E2021_HPHE-1
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal with changes.
- 6. WES_SPAN1000_L2021_SAN-154
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
- 7. WES_GEOS4700_L2021_GEOS-59
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal with changes.
- 8. WES_SOC 3140_L2018_SOC-601
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
- 9. WES_SOC4420_L2021_SOC-47
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
- 10. WES_PHYS1070_L2021_PHYS-88
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal with changes.
- 11. WES_PHYS1130_L2021_PHYS-125
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal with changes.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Weideman, to deny proposal WES_BIOS2320_L2020_BIOS-2 as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Weideman, to approve all other proposals reviewed. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The committee agreed to a minimum of two evaluators for all cyclic review submissions. A process was created in Teams. A comment will be added in Curriculog for incomplete proposals along with a request for missing materials no later than 15 April 2022.

The following courses were discussed for the cyclical review

- 1. WES_COM3070
 - a. The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
- 2. WES_ENG1050
 - a. The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
- 3. WES_ENG3810
 - a. The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
- 4. WES_ECON3090
 - a. The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.

[MOTION] It was moved by McGrady, seconded by Ernst, to approve the review of proposals COM3070, ENG1050, ENG3810, and ECON3090. The motion carried unanimously.

The following courses were resubmitted for initial review

1. WES_NUR2200_H2021_NUR-75
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
2. WES_SLHS2090_H2021_SPAA-49
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
3. WES_ME4805_A2019_ME-21
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Weideman, to approve all of the proposals as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Hammond left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Ernst, seconded by McGrady, to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. The motion carried unanimously. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 18 April 2022 at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by Carol Weideman, Secretary

Minutes approved on 21 November 2022.