3 November 2026

**TO**: **WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee:** Elissa Allen, Samantha Collet, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Dana Hammond, Kwangmin Lee, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Matilda McLean, Marie Moreno, Nathan Tabor, Kathryn Wagner

**Advisory Members:** Annemarie Bates, Jacquelyn Bizzell, Melinda Lockett, Lucy Parrott, Colleen Stano, Sharon Van Dyken

**Ex Officio:** Dana Hammond

**FROM**: Katherine Suender, Chair

**WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee**

**AGENDA**

9 November 2026– 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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1. **Acceptance of the Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
    a. WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee Meeting Minutes of 2 November 2026
3. **Reports of Officers**
    a. Chair Report – Suender
    b. Ex Officio Report – Hammond
4. **Reports of University Representatives**
    a. WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director Report – Allen
    b. Curriculum Manager Report– DeChano-Cook
5. **Unfinished Business**
    a. Curriculum Proposals
        i. BCM - 2080 - Communicating Data in Business
        ii. FYE - 2100 - First-Year Experience

iii. GEOS - 1600 - Blue Planet: How Water Shapes Our World.

6. **New Business**
    a. Curriculum Proposals
        i. CS - 1106 - Computational Thinking
        ii. ENVS - 4230 - Climate Justice.
        iii. GIST - 2100 - Travel, Culture, and Study Abroad.
        iv. GIST - 3100 - Global Studies in the Field.
        v. GRN - 1000 - Introduction to Aging Studies.
        vi. GRN - 2000 - Health and Aging.
        vii. PH - 2320 - Global and Environmental Health Issues.
        viii. PH - 2340 - Introduction to Biostatistics in Public Health.
7. **Announcements**
8. **Adjournment**