
**WMU ESSENTIAL STUDIES COURSE REVIEW AND APPROVAL COMMITTEE
Minutes of 21 February 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 10:05 a.m. on 21 February 2022, via Webex video conferencing by Colleen Stano, chair.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Gina Kling, Michele McGrady, Kathryn Thomsen

Advisory Members Attending: Melinda Lockett, Shannon Myers, Colleen Stano, Sharon VanDyken, Nicolas Witschi

Advisory Members Absent: Diana Blouin, Nick Gauthier, Anthony Helms

Ex Officio Attending: Decker Hains

Guest: Brenda Srof, Nursing

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

It was moved by Ernst, seconded by McGrady, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Discussion was held regarding amendments needed for the 10 January minutes. Approval was postponed to the next meeting.

Reports of Officers

Chair Stano reported that the calendar of courses which are included in the Cyclical Review is posted in the committee Teams folder so that it is known which courses need review and approval at the March and April meetings.

Ex Officio Hains did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Interim WMU Essential Studies Director Witschi did not provide a report.

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

McLean joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

None.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held regarding the RN to BSN program materials received addressing the WMU Essential Studies outcome mapping. Additional work is needed to continue to evaluate transfer courses and the process for approving alternative ways the program will meet the WMU Essential Studies outcomes.

Hammond left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.
Hains left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

New Business

The following courses were discussed for the cyclical review:

- WES_EDLD2000
The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
- WES_IEE2610
The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
- WES_GEOG2650
The committee agreed that the proposal meets the review process expectations.
- WES_AAAS3000
The committee agreed that the proposal submission was incomplete.
- WES_AAAS 3010
The committee agreed that the proposal submission was incomplete.
- WES_ADA 3410
The committee agreed that the proposal submission was incomplete.

The following courses were discussed for initial submission review:

- Wes_JAP1000_L2021_LANG-153
The committee recommends the proposal be approved.
- WES_GER1000_L2021_LANG-152
The committee recommends the proposal be approved.
- WES_SPAN1000_L2021_SPAN-154
The committee recommends the proposal be approved.
- WESS_SOC3140_L2021_SOC-601
The committee recommends the proposal be approved.
- WES_SOC4420_L2021_SOC-47
The committee recommends the proposal be approved.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ernst, seconded by Eisenhart, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The motion carried unanimously. The WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee will meet next on 21 March 2022, at 10 a.m. via Webex video conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by Carol Weideman, Secretary

Minutes approved this twenty-first day of March 2022.