

18 June 2025

TO: Faculty Senate Executive Board: Osama Abudayyeh, Kimberly Buchholz, Anthony DeFulio, Kieran Fogarty, Wanda Hadley, Janet Hahn, David Rudge, C. Dennis Simpson, Laura Teichert
Parliamentarian: Decker Hains
FROM: Amy Naugle, Faculty Senate President

Executive Board

*****REVISED*** AGENDA**

27 June 2025, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ellsworth Hall-room 3201

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1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Executive Board Minutes of 13 June 2025

3. Reports of Officers

- a. President Amy Naugle
- b. Vice President C. Dennis Simpson

4. New Business

- a. Provost July 11 Meeting Topics – Naugle
- b. Council Year-End Report(s) Acceptance – Hahn
 - i. Campus Planning and Finance Council
 - ii. Research and Creative Activities Council
 - iii. Undergraduate Studies Council
 - iv. WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee
- c. WMU Essential Studies Curriculum – Naugle

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Action Plan Review – Naugle

6. Reports of Councils and Committees

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

Upcoming Agenda Items:

- WMU President (Aug. 8; Oct. 24; April 10)
- Interim Provost (July 11; Sept. 12; Feb. 13)

Memoranda of Action – Upcoming

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WMU Faculty Senate 2024-26 Action Plan Objectives

1. Faculty engagement

Tasks:

- Create a New Senator orientation (include at Oct. Senate meeting)
- Regularly attend Academic Forum
- Create talking points for PR tours
 - Include 2024-26 objectives
- Department PR tours (5-10 min at department faculty meetings)
- Communication and dissemination of MOAs
 - Where to find MOAs
 - How MOAs work
- Remind Senators of their role

Timelines: 2024-26 academic years

EB Lead: Naugle and Simpson

2. Artificial intelligence

Tasks:

- Disseminate Ad Hoc Artificial Intelligence Committee final report across campus
- Ad Hoc Artificial Intelligence Committee chair provide report at Oct Senate meeting
- Determine how Ad Hoc Artificial Intelligence Committee report initiatives should be developed and implemented
 - Create AITC charge(s)
 - Create AI focused charge(s) for other councils
- Confirm Provost's next steps (Naugle and Simpson)

Timelines: fall 2024

EB Lead: Fogarty

3. Senate interactions with the WMU Board of Trustees

Tasks:

- Communicate initiative/objective to the Secretary to the BOT (Schuemann)
 - Establish individual meetings between Senate President and BOT Chair
 - Invite BOT to Executive Board meetings
 - Develop expected outcome(s)
- Explore the best method to engage BOT and utilize Senate President and BOT Chair meetings
 - Inform BOT of Senate objectives
- Coordinate WMU President and Provost Senate appraisals

Timelines: fall 2024

EB Lead: Naugle

4. University identity/direction (morale)

Tasks:

- Faculty survey regarding Senate initiatives
 - Create survey instrument (fall 2024)
 - Determine survey timeline (spring 2025)
 - Distribute findings
- Showcase WMU strategic plan in relation to the Senate
 - Senate President highlight one goal of WMU strategic plan at each Senate meeting

- Influence WMU President and Provost Senate meeting comments to include strategic plan goal(s) (Naugle and Simpson)

Timelines: 2024-25 academic year

EB Lead: Hahn and Naugle

5. Address value of higher education

Tasks:

- Conversations with shared governance partners (BOT, WSA, GSA) about value of WMU and higher education
- Create an Ad Hoc Committee and/or charges for councils

Timelines:

EB Lead:

6. Review and determine need for change/removal of instance(s) that the Faculty Senate is included in the AAUP Agreement

Tasks:

- Create Ad Hoc AAUP Agreement Review Committee (DeFulio, Hains, Rudge, Simpson)
- Determine need for change/removal of instance(s) that the Faculty Senate is included in the AAUP Agreement
- Draft new AAUP Agreement language
- Determine administration support of change/removal of instance(s) that the Faculty Senate is included in the AAUP Agreement
- Communicate need for change/removal with BOT and administration
- Communicate need for change/removal with AAUP
- Draft Memorandum of Understanding to establish Faculty Senate President compensation with the provost office

Timelines: 2024-26 academic years

EB Lead: Rudge