
ACADEMIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Minutes for 12 January 2026

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Academic and Information Technology Council was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on 12 January 2026, via Webex by Jessica Cataldo, chair.

Members Present: Jessica Cataldo, Chad Edwards, Paul Gallagher, Bryon Glock, Andrew Holmes, Pavel Ikononov, Cara Masselink, Katie Marshall, Geraldine Rinna, Daniela Schroeter

Members Absent: Brian Carnell, Michael Kahwaji, Katie Marshall, Lochlan McElroy, Joshua Naranjo, Abena Pinamang, Scott Puckett

Ex Officio: Kieran Fogarty

Guest(s): Timothy Broadwater; Jacob Neumann, Office of Information Technology

Quorum

A quorum was present with 11 members in attendance, of the nine required to establish a quorum.

Agenda

An Unfinished Business item was added for discussion on MOA-25/14 *Revision of WMU Syllabus Requirements* to Include Artificial Intelligence Statement, as well as follow-up regarding the AAUP meeting.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ikononov, seconded by Edwards, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Ikononov, seconded by Schroeter, to approve the 8 December 2025 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Jacob Neumann, Director of Endpoint Management, provided the following comments:

- Roll out of the MacOS portion of Apps Anywhere starting next week
 - Will work on anything with a web browser.
 - Demonstration of MacOS Apps Anywhere.
- Launch “Non-Windows.”
 - Send feedback, such as requests for recommendations/additions, through [link](#).
 - Contact Jacob with groups of students who can provide feedback.

Reports of Officers

Chair Cataldo reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Board discussed MOA-25/14 and made suggested edits, which will be incorporated before the MOA goes back to the Executive Board.

Ex Officio Fogarty provided additional follow-up on MOA-25/14.

Reports of University Representatives

Holmes provided the Office of Information Technology report:

- Digital Accessibility Project for compliance with Title II Accessibility must be completed by 24 April 2026. Any potential digital information provided by the university will need to meet the standards. Faculty content for students will need to meet these standards as well.
- Tech compliance review process is expected to change.

Glock reported that there is nothing new to state about the Student Success Hub; work is advancing on functionality as previously noted.

Unfinished Business

Chair Cataldo provided details of the Virtual Meeting Platform Survey:

- Reviewed survey results and recommendations for acquiring Zoom.
 - Address response rate
 - Add a comment about Webex compatibility with other countries
- Barriers to acquiring Zoom are cost, support, and resources.
- Webex is a steeply discounted add-on to WMU's current phone service.

[MOTION] It was moved by Ikonomov, seconded by Edwards, to approve the report as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Cybersecurity Subcommittee Follow-up – Cataldo / Holland

- Review from November minutes.
- Holmes: recommended for AITC to support IT's security training and password rotation.

AI Syllabus Statement – Cataldo

- Revisions: The AI statement needs to guide instructors.
- Inserted a recommended statement in the "required elements", rather into the rationale/purpose.
- Included the cheating definition from the student code.
- Added section "related guidelines".

The MOA will return to the Professional Concerns Committee to review the proposed amendments, prior to going back to the Executive Board.

[MOTION] It was moved by Motion to approve the report with revisions made by Edwards, seconded by Ikonomov, to approve as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Cataldo and Ex Officio Fogarty provided follow-up regarding the AAUP meeting. Fogarty stressed that the Faculty Senate and the AAUP are separate entities with different roles at the University. Holmes stated that the AAUP response on 9 December reported that it will discuss, review responses, and reply, however, there has not been any response at this time.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ikonomov, seconded by Schroeter, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. The motion carried. The Academic and Information Technology Council will meet next on 16 February via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Cara Masselink, Secretary

Minutes were approved on 16 February 2026.