



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – May 11, 2023

Did You Know... A Memorandum of Action (MOA) is an approved recommendation from the Faculty Senate that is forwarded to the WMU administration for final approval. Your Faculty Senate representative will inform you of MOAs that are coming up for a vote and will welcome your feedback. A record of all MOAs approved since the year 2000 is available at [this link](#).

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Sarah Summy

Senators whose terms expired were acknowledged.

- Sunday Bonifas, Accountancy
- Paul Solomon, Art
- Nathan Lisak, Aviation
- Brian Tripp, Biological Sciences
- Dae Shik, Blindness and Low Vision Studies
- Pavel Ikononov, Engineering Design, Manufacturing and Management Systems
- Tim Scheu, Finance and Commercial Law
- JoAnn Atkin, Marketing
- David Paul, Philosophy
- Matthew Mingus, Public Affairs and Administration

Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Julian Vasquez Heilig

- [**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEAN:**](#) Laura

Dinehart begins 1 July.

- [58TH INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL CONGRESS:](#) Western hosted the 58th International Medieval Congress in-person for the first time since 2019. There were more than 2,000 participants registered with 1,700 of which were here in Kalamazoo.
- [GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TRIBAL GOVERNANCE:](#) WMU hosted talks by Bryan Newland assistant secretary of Indian Affairs as it announced the creation of the region's only graduate certificate in tribal governance. Students will take courses that prepare them to lead in their tribe's government.

Action Items

- [MEMORANDUM OF ACTION 23/01:](#) Recommended Revisions of General Principles of Curriculum Change was passed.

Informational Items

- [WMUx INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES:](#) Gwen Tarbox, Director for Faculty Development, provided an update on WMUx Teaching and Learning Team Resources.
- [GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:](#) Jeffrey Breneman, Vice President for Government Relations, provided an update on government affairs.

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