



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – Nov. 2, 2023

Did You Know... The Faculty Senate meetings are available to stream live. However, technical difficulties did not allow for the viewing of the Nov. 2 meeting live. It can be viewed now at [this link](#).

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Sarah Summy

- **SPECIAL ELECTION:** Congratulations to Paul Pancella for being elected Faculty Senate Vice President.
- **WE TALK:** is hosting author Jonathan Haidt on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, from 5 to 9 p.m., with the location yet to be determined.
- [NYU Stern - Jonathan Haidt - Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership](#)
- **FAMILY FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM:** The Office of Community Partnerships is launching this program that encourages Kalamazoo residents to host international students during various cultural festivities, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- **FACULTY FEES:** The Faculty Senate is once again asking for support in the form of an annual voluntary \$25 faculty fee. Faculty are encouraged to make contributions at one of two online options:
 - [Follow this link](#) to make a credit card payment.
 - [Follow this link](#) to authorize a one-time payroll deduction.

Remarks from WMU President Edward Montgomery

- **UNIVERSITY ADDRESS:** was held Oct. 25 and can be viewed.

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

- **FACULTY GRANTS:** The Office of the President, Provost Office, University Advancement, Office for Business and Finance, and the Division of Student Affairs have teamed up to offer faculty grants that will advance the education, research, and career-preparation missions through experiential learning.
- **ADMINISTRATOR SEARCHES:**
 - The search committee for the Merze Tate College dean has been identified.
 - A search firm has been selected as the dean of the College of Health and Human Services, and the search committee held its first meeting.
- **SPECIAL EVENT:** Lunch with the Provost – seven dates have been identified this academic year where faculty and staff can gather to share ideas with the provost.

Informational Items

- **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL:** Bradford Dennis, chair of the IEC, provided an update on the council's activities.
- **MERZE TATE ADVISING:** Tomika Griffin Brown, Assistant Dean of Academic Advising from Merze Tate College, provided an update on academic advising.
- **CYBERSECURITY:** Chief Information Officer Andrew Holmes provided an update on Cybersecurity.

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