



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – 8 May 2025

Did You Know... Faculty Senators receive electronic copies of Memoranda of Action in advance of the MOA being presented for a vote on the floor of the Senate.

Senators are charged with sharing the MOA information with their units and soliciting feedback and questions pertaining to the MOA. For more on [MOAs](#):

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Amy Naugle

- **New [Executive Board](#) Directors Named:** Three newly appointed Executive Board members were welcomed: Kimberly Buchholz of Fine Arts, Wanda Hadley and Laura Teichert of Education and Human Development.
- **[Senators](#):** New and re-elected Senators were welcomed.
- **Resolution:** The WMU Board of Trustees in conjunction with the Faculty Senate awarded President Edward Montgomery with an honorary Senate resolution.

Remarks from Interim Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Sara Nelson

- **Internationalization:** As the University Strategic Plan focus topic several examples of internationalization across campus were presented.
- **Haenicke Institute for Global Education:** Rosemary Max has accepted the position of Associate Vice President for HIGE effective July 14.
- **Faculty Accolades:** Several faculty members were acknowledged for recent achievements.

University Strategic Plan

- Faculty Senate President Amy Naugle and Interim Vice Provost Sara Nelson provided comments regarding this month's focus area, [Internationalization](#).

Action Items

- [Memorandum of Action-25/03](#): *Revise the Undergraduate Catalog-Academic Policies- Glossary of Terms-Experiential Learning Definition*; the amendments that were put forward by the Undergraduate Studies Council were passed.
- [Memorandum of Action-25/08](#): *Establish Minimum Credits in an Undergraduate Major for a Minor Not to be Required Policy* has failed.
- [Memorandum of Action-25/09](#): *Revise Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs to Change Grade Appeal and Program Dismissal Appeal Committee (GAPDAC) to the Academic Appeal Review Committee (AARC)* was passed.

Informational Items

- Haenicke Institute for Global Education's Senior Director of International Student and Scholar Services Brian Childs provided an update on student visa statuses.
- Jeff Breneman, Vice President for Government Relations, provided a [State Budget and WMU Advocacy](#) presentation

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