



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – Oct. 2, 2025

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Remarks from Faculty Senate President Amy Naugle

- [Senate 101](#): presentation designed to assist all Senators in understanding the structure and their role and duties for Faculty Senate meetings.
- [University Strategic Plan](#): As part of the Faculty Senate Action Plan, the University Strategic Plan and how it relates to the work of the Senate will be showcased at each Senate meeting this academic year.

Remarks from WMU President Russ Kavalhuna

- **WMU News items**: several recent [WMU news](#) topics were announced.

Remarks from Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Christopher Cheatham

- **Enrollment and Retention**: fall 2025 is down 1.6%; international students down 2.8%; retention is again a record for WMU at 82.1%
- **WMUx**: department and staff have been reallocated to different WMU units.
- **Faculty and Student Accolades**: several students were acknowledged for recent achievements, and included the [fall awards celebration](#).

[University Strategic Plan](#)

- Comments were provided by leadership regarding this month's focus area [Well-being](#).

Informational Items

- The [Academic and Informational Technology Council](#) report was provided by the chair Jessica Cataldo
- Josh Kohnert, Program Manager for Peer2Peer eMentoring and Student Employment Development in the Office of Student Transitions provided the [WMU Well-being Playbook](#).
- Cari Robertson, Director of Health Promotion and Education along with Lillian Smith, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services provided the [WMU Well-being of People, Places, and Planet](#).
- Whitney Briggs, Regional Sales Director for Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Michigan presented well-being programs [Teledoc Health and Hinge](#).

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