



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – Dec. 4, 2025

Did You Know... All Faculty Senate meetings, including council and committee meetings, are open to all faculty. You can find the schedule of events [at the link.](#)

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Amy Naugle

- The Faculty Senate launched its bi-annual general election to seat its next [president](#) and [vice president](#) who will take office as of 1 May 2026. Nominations for President and Vice President will be due on 23 January 2026.
- In January, the Faculty Senate will solicit department Presidential Scholar students' names for the March 20 event honoring their accomplishments.

Remarks from WMU President Russ Kavalhuna

- President Kavalhuna reported that a preliminary summary of findings and institutional response steps from the Listening Tour was presented to the Board of Trustees. A comprehensive written report will be circulated in January. He emphasized that operational and strategic issues are being addressed administratively, and that addressing issues related to academic programming must occur through shared governance.

Remarks from Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Christopher Cheatham

- Details provided regarding upcoming changes to student [loan](#) programs.
- [Enrollment Update](#)

- Recent events included:
 - o Bronco Buds program
 - o Math Carnival
 - o CEAS Programming Contest

University Strategic Plan

- Comments were provided by Faculty Senate leadership regarding this month's focus area Internationalization.

Action Items

- The Faculty Senate Executive Board bylaw amendments were approved.

Informational Items

- Chair of the Faculty Senate International Education Council, Bradford Dennis, provided an update on the council's activities.
- Haenicke Institute for Global Education staff provided a global education update.
- Jonathan Bush, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director, and Elissa Allen, Chair of the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee, provided details of the completed comprehensive program review.

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