



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – Feb. 5, 2026

Did You Know... Guides, policies, and forms related to the curriculum review process are available at [this link](#).

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Amy Naugle

- The Faculty Senate annual general election has begun and will close at 5 p.m. on Feb. 20, be sure to [VOTE](#).

Remarks from WMU President Russ Kavalhuna

- President Kavalhuna reported that additional communication will soon outline the role of the Huron Consulting Group in evaluating operational efficiencies, with clear affirmation that any consideration of academic programs will occur through established shared governance processes.

- **Remarks from Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Christopher Cheatham**

- [Enrollment Update](#)
- [Recent and upcoming events included:](#)
 - [Research, Innovation, and Creative Celebration Week](#) – April 2 to 10, 2026
 - Haworth College of Business hosted the Michigan DECA District 3 Conference
 - [Fulbright](#) Reception hosted by Broncos Rising

[University Strategic Plan](#)

- Comments were provided by Faculty Senate and University leadership

regarding this month's focus area [Research and Creative Scholarship](#)

Action Items

- The following MOAs were approved:
 - [MOA-25/11](#)
 - [MOA-25/12](#)
 - [MOA-25/13](#)
 - [MOA-25/14](#)
 - [MOA-26/01](#)
 - [MOA-26/03](#)

Informational Items

- Chair of the Faculty Senate [Research and Creative Scholarship Council](#), Lofton Durham, provided an update on the council's activities.
- Vice President Remzi Seker provided [WMU's Research, Innovation and Creative Scholarship Enterprise: Sustained Success Through Commitment to Mission](#) presentation.
- [Updates and Initiatives from the Office of Faculty Development](#) was presented by Director Ramona Lewis and Faculty Fellow Adrienne Redding
- Ed Eckel, chair of University Libraries presented [Strategic Choices: Building Sustainable Access](#)

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