



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – April 30, 2026

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Remarks from Faculty Senate Vice President C. Dennis Simpson

- The 2026-27 meeting schedules for the Senate and its councils and committees will be determined over the summer and distributed to committee members in late August, as well as posted to the Faculty Senate website.

Remarks from WMU President Russ Kavalhuna

- The administration continues its engagement with Huron Consulting Group to evaluate institutional structures, budget models, and operational efficiencies. A full report is anticipated in the coming weeks.
- President Kavalhuna emphasized the University's commitment to access and student success. He shared illustrative [student success narratives](#) demonstrating the transformative impact of a WMU education

Remarks from Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Sara Nelson

- Vice Provost Nelson provided remarks on [academic affairs](#).

[University Strategic Plan](#)

- Comments were provided by Faculty Senate and University leadership regarding

this month's focus area [Sustainability](#).

Action Items

- [MOA-25/10](#): *Establish Minimum Undergraduate Credits in a Major or Minor Earned at*
- WMU, was approved.
- [MOA-26/06](#): *Revision of Undergraduate Catalog and Addition to the Graduate Catalog Extension of the Drop/Withdrawal Period* was approved.
- [MOA-26/07](#): *Revision of Undergraduate GPA Revision Policy*, was approved.
- [MOA-26/08](#): *Revision of Credit/No Credit Policy to Allow Major/Minor Credit*, was approved.
- [MOA-26/09](#): *Revision of Service-Learning Course Approval Procedures*, was approved.
- Faculty Senate President-elect Janet Hahn introduced the slate of faculty members nominated to serve two-year terms as the [Executive Board](#) whom were approved.

Informational Items

- LuMarie Guth, chair of the Campus Planning and Finance Council, provided details of the [council's academic year activities](#).
- Steven Bertman, chair of the Campus Planning and Finance Council standing Sustainability Committee, provided a presentation about how the Faculty Senate can help [sustainability and climate action](#) at WMU.
- Jeff Breneman, Vice President for Government Relations, provided the [annual legislative update](#).

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