



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Feb. 4, 2021 Virtual Meeting

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Remarks from WMU Board of Trustee Chair Lynn Chen-Zhang

- Chair Chen-Zhang emphasized the role of the Faculty Senate, Western Student Association, and Graduate Student Association in shared governance.
- She highlighted globalization is an important topic for every university in the U.S. Western is doing an excellent job, though there are still potential avenues for growth and engagement. WMU must continue to explore possibilities and create new opportunities to serve the students and make a global impact.
- Appreciation was expressed to faculty who revised over 5,000 class sections for online learning in a matter of days last March.

Remarks from WMU President Edward Montgomery

- Higher Learning Commission comprehensive evaluation will be conducted remotely through a web conferencing platform with one peer review visiting campus on April 12 and 13, 2021. To learn more, [visit the website](#).
- Two new Trustees were welcomed at the January 21, 2021 Board of Trustees

meeting. Meet the Board and watch the meeting at [this link](#).

- [Plans are being finalized to disburse the recent Federal stimulus CARES funding to students \(\\$12.4 million\).](#)
- Echoed Board of Trustee Chair Chen-Zhang on WMU global engagement efforts and complimented the International Education Council.
- The Faculty Senate is at the center of shaping shared governance within the University.

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Marilyn Kritzman

- Sharon Carlson and Judith Rypma received Faculty Senate Resolutions honoring their service to WMU.

Action and Informational Items

- [MOA-20/08](#): *Revision of University Admission Criteria for Doctoral Programs* was approved by the Faculty Senate and will be sent on for approval by the administration.
- The Faculty Senate International Education Council provided a presented on [Global Engagement at WMU](#).
- Vice President for Government Relations Jeffrey Breneman provided a legislative update.