



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate May 13, 2021, Virtual Meeting

These notes are informal communications provided as a convenience for Senators and others to communicate with their constituents in a timely fashion. They are not intended as a substitute for meeting minutes and hold no more value or standing than an individual's recollection of events.

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Marilyn Kritzman

- **RECOGNITION:** Appreciation was expressed for Senators who completed their terms of service. Welcome and appreciation were expressed for newly elected and re-elected Senators. Council election results were announced. [Full membership lists for the Senate and councils are available:](#)
- **HONORS:** Mary Lagerwey and Yvonne Ford received Faculty Senate Resolutions honoring their service to WMU and the Faculty Senate
- **RECAP:** A review of the 2020-21 annual work of the Faculty Senate was shared

Remarks from WMU President Edward Montgomery

- **WMED:** Dr. Paula Termhulen was announced as the new dean of WMed:
- **HONORS:** several faculty members were highlighted for achievements, including Dr. Michael Famiano, physics, recipient of a Fullbright award;
"As well as Dr. Charlie Kurth, philosophy, whose work recently appeared in Scientific American: [Disgust Can Be Morally Valuable - Scientific American](#)"

- **COVID-19:** Highlighted the success of precautionary programs to date on WMU's campus, and described the unfolding decision-making process regarding management of COVID-19 risk in the upcoming academic year. [Efforts to ensure access to vaccines to everyone in the WMU community are well underway:](#)

Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** The new University strategic planning process is slated to begin in fall. [Data and action plans will be organized over the summer.](#)
- **CONTINGENCY PLANNING:** The Contingency Planning group has been reconvened, but the work is a little different for a different time. A critical role is communication.

Action and Informational Items:

- **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Vice President for Government Relations Jeffrey Breneman provided a legislative update:
- **CURRICULOG LAUNCH:** Interim Curriculum Manager Nicolas Witschi provided details of the [new Curriculog curriculum processing software:](#)

The Faculty Senate meeting dates and locations for the next academic year will be determined over the summer and announced when available.