



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Oct. 7, 2021, Meeting

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Remarks from Faculty Senate President Marilyn Kritzman

- **RECOGNITION:** Mark Wheeler was honored with a posthumous Faculty Senate Resolutions
- **APPRAISAL of the PRESIDENT:** The Faculty Senate will conduct its bi-annual appraisal of WMU President Edward Montgomery beginning mid-October

Remarks from WMU Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Kahler Schuemann

- **COVID-19:** WMU continues to monitor COVID-19 trends and consults with public health which is yielding results with vaccination rates above state and local rates
- **FALLEN BRANCOS:** the first Fallen Broncos Ceremony will be Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.
- **VICE PRESIDENT SEARCH:** a national search has begun to identify a Vice President for Research and Innovation

Introductions from Vice President for Student Affairs Diane Anderson

- **ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENTS:** Reetha Raveensdran was introduced as the

associate vice president for dean of students and Barry Olson was introduced as the associate vice president for campus life.

Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** overview of the newly launched strategic planning website
- **HONORS:** the 2021 Academic Excellence Award Series was announced
- **MERZE TATE COLLEGE:** the dedication ceremony will be held Oct. 8 at 4 p.m.

Action and Informational Items

- **MEMORANDUM OF ACTION:** [MOA-19/14](#): *Fixed Price Agreement Policy* and [MOA-21/05](#): *Revision of MOA-16/13 for Undergraduate Certificate Programs* were approved by the Faculty Senate and will be sent on for approval by the administration.
- **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Vice President for Government Relations Jeffrey Breneman provided a [legislative update](#)