



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meetings

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on March 3, 2022, at 5 p.m., both in-person in rooms 208-209 of the Bernhard Center and virtually via Webex. At the February meeting, it was discovered, once the meeting had started, that attendees were unable to see the participant list. The Faculty Senate is working to correct this issue before the March meeting.

In the virtual meeting, the chat is enabled for the panelists as a way for participants to alert the meeting moderator that they wish to address the Senate in the same manner a person would approach the microphone to be recognized to address the Senate in-person. The chat feature is not enabled for conversation between virtual attendees since this would not be the case for in-person meetings and often draws attention away from the presentations and structure of the meeting.

Please be aware that most of the work of the Faculty Senate takes place within its six councils and 11 committees, which meet monthly and have faculty, staff, and administrators in attendance. The Faculty Senate meetings are a forum for: (1) councils and committees to report, including on Memoranda of Action (MOA) that have been initiated in the councils and committees and are forwarded for broader discussion and subsequent vote, (2) an opportunity for faculty to hear directly from and ask questions of senior administrators, and (3) an opportunity for individuals to express professional concerns and ask questions of the Faculty Senate leadership.

The Senate meetings are a place to debate relevant topics, express professional concerns, to hear reports from the senior administration and engage with them on timely topics, and to discuss and vote on MOA's. The Senate is the ultimate recommending body of the faculty.

If you are unfamiliar with how the Faculty Senate operates, there is a presentation entitled Faculty Senate 101. The presentation describes: the role of the Senate, the purview of the Senate, MOAs, the organizational structure, basic duties of Senators, and meeting expectations. The presentation and other details about the Faculty Senate may be found in the [Guide to the Faculty Senate](#) and on its [website](#).

We hope that you find this helpful, and if you have any questions or feedback, [please contact the Faculty Senate office](#).