



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – October 6, 2022

Did You Know...All Faculty Senate meetings, including council and committee meetings, are open to the public. Here is the new [Faculty Senate Academic-Year Meeting Calendar](#) that provides the dates, times, locations, and virtual links for all of the Faculty Senate meetings throughout the year.

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Sarah Summy

- **ACTION PLAN:** The Faculty Senate Executive Board has developed an Action Plan. The four objectives are:
 1. Engage stakeholders in the revision of the curriculum process (MOA-15/06)
 2. Educate the University Community on the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of the Senate and its councils and committees
 3. Increase faculty and staff participation within the Faculty Senate
 4. Develop strategies to support those who engage in critical core University service
- **FACULTY FEES:** The Faculty Senate is once again asking for your support in the form of an annual voluntary \$20 faculty fee. Please consider making your [contribution](#) today

Remarks from WMU President Edward Montgomery

- **FALL CONVOCATION AWARDS:** View the [recipients](#)
- **HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS:** Honorary degrees are an important part of representing WMU and illustrating the values. Consider submitting a

[nomination](#)

- **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS:** The administration is working on a plan to elevate the workplace environment. The plan will be informed by employees based on four themes: communication, transparency, appreciation, and value and support. Employees are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming [workshops](#):
 - Monday, Oct. 24, 10-11:15 a.m. in the Bernhard Center North Ballroom
 - Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7-8:30 a.m. in Bernhard Center rooms 208-210
 - Tuesday, Nov. 1, 3-4:15 p.m. in the Bernhard Center North Ballroom

Remarks from Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Christopher Cheatham

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE:**
 - The incoming new beginner class has increased 25.2% compared to fall 2021. Headcount and credit hours are down 6.3% and 5.4%, respectively, which overall outperforms the forecast
- **ACADEMIC SEARCHES:**
 - Andy Holmes has been appointed as Chief Information Officer for an initial two- year appointment
 - The search for the next [Dean of the College of Aviation](#) is well underway
 - A search firm has been retained to find the next Dean of the College of Education and Human Development and is working to gather input from constituents

Informational Items

- **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL:** Learn what it's for and what is being [accomplished](#)
- **CURRICULOG:** This new software will automate the University's curriculum approval process; [learn](#) more about it
- **DISABILITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS:** There is a new DSS [Faculty App](#) in

GoWMU that organizes accommodations data for faculty. Check out this [tutorial](#)

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