



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – December 1, 2022

Did You Know... Much of the work of the Faculty Senate is completed by its councils. There are six councils: Academic and Information Technology, Campus Planning and Finance, Graduate Studies, International Education, Research Policies, and Undergraduate Studies.

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Sarah Summy

- **WMU ESSENTIAL STUDIES DATA SPOTLIGHT:** have a look at data collected during the 2021-22 academic year. The session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in room 4010 CHHS on Dec. 9. [Registration is required.](#)
- **MILITARY ALLY PROGRAM:** The WMU Office of Military and Veterans Affairs has launched the Military Ally Program to train faculty and staff to provide a safe space for military-connected students struggling with adjusting to civilian life. This includes helping them connect with the appropriate resources on and off campus.

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

- **PROVOST SEARCH:** Dr. Julian Vasquez Heilig begins as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs on Jan. 4, 2023.
- **HONORARY DEGREE:** The 2022 recipient is Audrey Morean Petersen, co-founder of Jabil Circuit, renowned as an influential philanthropist as well as an accomplished visual artist. Please consider making a nomination:

Remarks from Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Christopher Cheatham

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE:**
 - Spring headcount is down 6.2% and credit hours are down 4.7% compared to last year
 - The budget was built on an expected 5.9% decrease in spring 2023; thus, enrollment is outperforming the forecast
- **UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN:** The final plan will be available by Dec. 15
- **ACADEMIC SEARCHES:** Ray Thompson has been named the dean of the College of Aviation beginning Jan. 1

Informational Items

- **RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL:** Chair of RPC Andre Venter provided a report of the council's activities:
- **ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Vice President Kristen DeVries provided the annual report
- **WMU RESEARCH AND INNOVATION OFFICE:** Vice President Remzi Seker provided information regarding the MAC Innovation Collaboration Proposal and other details of the OVPRI office

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