



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – February 2, 2023

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Remarks from Faculty Senate President Sarah Summy

- **PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS:** the event will be held on March 17 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- **FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS:** are currently open and will be completed by Feb. 17 and announced at the March meeting.
- **CURRICULUM PROCESS REVIEW:** is a primary focus for the Faculty Senate this semester. While an initial ad hoc workgroup has been seated, there will be multiple opportunities for campus-wide involvement and feedback. The ad hoc workgroup will provide an update on its work at the March meeting.

Remarks from University President Edward Montgomery

- **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTION PLAN:** The President's Cabinet has developed several initiatives, actions, and efforts based on feedback that are intended to improve the employee experience at WMU.
- **UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN:** The University Strategic Plan is available and captures what WMU is and what it aspires to be. Additional details will be announced next week about making the plan actionable with invitations for campus participation.
- **BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS:** three new trustees have been

appointed: Kelly Burris, an alumna who earned a BS in aeronautical engineering in 1988 from WMU who is now a patent attorney, will serve a partial two-year term; Jon Hoadley, who is enrolled in the MBA program and served in the State House for the Kalamazoo area, has been reappointed to serve an eight-year term; and Lisa William, an alumna with a BS in secondary education and an MA in education leadership, both from WMU in 1998 and 2004, respectively.

Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Julian Vasquez Heilig

- **KVCC ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:** Western and Kalamazoo Valley Community College signed a renewed and broadened articulation agreement, solidifying a smoother transition for transfer students coming to Western.
- **INITIATIVES:** Several new initiatives coming from the Provost Office will be: dual career couple faculty hiring; diversity in research funding requests; post-doctoral program ideas; creation of associate provost for innovation and excellence, and equity-centered initiatives for academic affairs.

Action Items

- **MEMORANDUM OF ACTION-22/02:** Recommendation of Course Delivery Definitions for Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs was passed.

Informational Items

- **UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL:** Chair of USC Diane Riggs provided a report of the council's activities.
- **CLIMATE EMERGENCY MONTH:** members of the Climate Change Working Group presented information regarding March Climate Emergency Month.
- **CONDITION ANALYSIS AND SPACE UTILIZATION PROJECT:** staff from Facilities
- Management introduced the project.

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