



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate Meeting – March 2, 2023

Did You Know... Faculty Senators receive electronic copies of Memoranda of Action in advance of the MOA being presented for a vote on the floor of the Senate. Senators are charged with sharing the MOA information with their units and soliciting feedback and questions pertaining to the MOA.

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Sarah Summy

- **FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS:** the results of the election are listed below:
 - **Representatives-at-Large:**
 - Daniela Hernandez, Mathematics
 - Mustafa Mirzeler, English
 - Andrew Wyman, Engineering Design, Manufacturing and Management
 - **Department Representatives Re-Elected:**
 - Utkarsh Shrivastava, Business Information Systems
 - Alexandra Pekarovicova, Chemical and Paper Engineering
 - Stephanie Burns, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology
 - Monique Haley, Dance
 - Dean Johnson, Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - Scott Slawinski, English
 - Jou-Chen Chen, Family and Consumer Sciences
 - Larry Simon, History
 - Troy Place, Industrial and Entrepreneurial Engineering and

Engineering Management

- Anthony DeFulio, Psychology
- Marianne Swierenga, University Libraries

○ **Department Representatives Newly-Elected:**

- Brian Holland, Accountancy
- Joyce Kubiski, Art
- Jessica Birnbaum, Aviation
- Brian Jansen, Aviation
- Todd Barkman, Biological Sciences
- David Huffman, Chemistry
- Adrienne Redding, English
- Onur Arugaslan, Finance and Commercial Law
- Michael Miller, Human Performance and Health Education
- Thomas Scannell, Marketing
- Daniela Schroeter, Public Affairs and Administration
- Kathryn Thomsen, Theatre

Remarks from University President Edward Montgomery

- **WMU DAY AT THE CAPITOL:** a dozen WMU organizations and units spent the day in Lansing speaking with lawmakers, their staff, lobbyists and guests. Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced a 4% increase in base funding to WMU. Several Michigan universities are seeking additional support for Research 2 institutions.
- **MSU REMEMBRANCE:** Appreciation was expressed to faculty and staff who gathered at the candle light vigil on 15 February to mourn the loss of three Michigan State University students.

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

- **MEETINGS:** the provost has participated in many meetings with WMU and community stakeholders, and will continue to do so

- **ALASKA TAX PROGRAM:** faculty and students prepared 300 tax returns in some of the most remote native villages in Alaska. The program facilitates students from 10 universities to travel to villages that have limited resources and infrastructure.
- **ENROLLMENT:** the provost was asked for an enrollment update to which he stated that the retention rate from fall to spring is 92.2%. Yield will not be available until summer, but applications look good.

Action Items

- **MEMORADUM OF ACTION-22/03:** Revision of Graduate Requirements to Establish Minimum Credit for Doctoral Degree was approved.

Informational Items

- **WMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:** Chief Scott Merlo gave an overview of the department including [emergency management](#) and [WMU Alert](#) systems.
- **GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL:** chair of GSC Dawn Anderson provided a report of the council's activities.
- **CURRICULUM PROCESSES UPDATE:** Executive Board Director Decker Hains presented information regarding the work of the Ad Hoc Curriculum Change Workgroup.
- **ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS:** Participation was encouraged in organization, which deals closely with projects that bring essential materials to developing communities all over the world. It is open to all students of any age or major at WMU.

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