



Senate Snapshot

WMU Student Support

These are challenging times in terms of providing food and the basic essentials for WMU students. The Faculty Senate is pleased to support the efforts of Mike Famiano and his volunteer team, who, since March, have provided roughly 40 bags of groceries per day and paid rent for 400 WMU students who remained in the Kalamazoo area. This group of about 100 volunteers is looking for additional financial donations in rent relief and support to get these students through the end of the summer.

If you would like to help, please fill out [this simple Google form](#).

Please contact faculty member [Mike Famiano](#) if you have any questions.

In addition, the Faculty Senate would like to express its thanks and appreciation to several other volunteer efforts fully underway at WMU, including:

[Solidarity fund for WMU Employees and Students](#)

The Solidarity Fund for WMU Employees and Students is a non-profit organization of faculty, staff, and students that operates independently from WMU. They seek to provide aid and assistance to the student workers and employees hit the hardest by COVID-19.

[Invisible Needs Food Pantry](#)

The food pantry is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. In order to schedule an appointment, [email](#).

Student Emergency Relief Fund (SERF)

This fund is part of the Invisible Needs project and is available to help students with any basic/urgent expenses, even those which haven't typically qualified for SERF (i.e. rent). All requests still need to be submitted through the application that can be found at the link above.

Our appreciation to everyone who is part of the effort to make a difference in the lives of the Western Michigan University community. We are in this together.
Stay safe and be well.

Marilyn S. Kritzman, President
WMU Faculty Senate