
Academic and Instructional Technology Council**Minutes of 20 April 2026****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Academic and Instructional Technology Council was called to order at 10 a.m. on 20 April 2026, via Webex by Jessica Cataldo, chair.

Members Present: Timothy Broadwater, Brian Carnell, Jessica Cataldo, Andrew Holmes, Pavel Ikonov, Katie Marshall, Cara Masselink, Joshua Naranjo, Geraldine Rinna, Daniela Schroeter

Members Absent: Chad Edwards, Paul Gallagher, Scott Puckett, Xioman Wang

Advisory Members Present: None.

Advisory Members Absent: Bryon Glock

Ex Officio: Kieran Fogarty

Quorum

A quorum was present with 10 members in attendance, of the 10 members needed to establish quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Ikonov, seconded by Naranjo, to accept the agenda as provided. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Fogarty, seconded by Ikonov, to approve the 16 March 2026 minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Cataldo's report included that she distributed the Year-end Report with the agenda which would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Ex Officio Fogarty report included encouragement to read the Year-end report, especially items on the report that were not completed this academic year.

Reports of University Representatives

Andrew Holmes, Chief Information Officer, reported that the federal government's deadline for the University to comply with new digital accessibility requirements was pushed back a year to April 2027. It was discussed that a PDF remediation tool created by Paul Gallagher, Associate Dean, University Libraries, available at [this link](#). It was announced that there would be an upcoming network upgrade to Sangren Hall, as well as several dozen classrooms that will be updated during Summer and Fall 2026. [A full list of classrooms targeted for updates can be found here.](#)

Unfinished Business

Chair Cataldo discussed the Year-end report, which she said went charge-by-charge and highlighted speakers, MOAs, and reports during the academic year that were tied to those specific charges. The report includes recommendations to broaden the AI charge, modified language to position the Academic and Instructional Technology Council (AITC) as a coordinating body, and removed language related to mobile devices in charge three. Ikononov requested the report be amended to remove charges that had been completed but still appeared under the new charges section.

[MOTION] It was moved by Broadwater, seconded by Schroeter, to accept the Year-end Report as amended by Ikononov. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Rinna announced that a committee in the University Libraries is working to bring Sarah Lambden, author of Data Cartels, to campus to discuss how publishers such as Elsevier, LexisNexis, and Thomas Reuters put university research behind paywalls and then charge universities to access that data.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Ikononov, seconded by Broadwater, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Academic and Instructional Technology Council will meet next on September 14, 2026, via Webex at 10 a.m.

Approval

Submitted by Brian Carnell, Secretary

Minutes were approved 14 on September 2026.