
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL**Minutes of 8 September 2026****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Council was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on 8 September, via Webex by Janet Hahn, Faculty Senate President

Members Present: Jessica Cataldo, Carrie Cumming, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Fiona Dougherty (substitute for Diane Riggs), Kerry Hegele, Dylan McGlothlin, Natalio Ohanna, Priyanka Sharma, Bret Wagner, Rebecca West

Members Absent: Mert Atilhan, Jessica Birnbaum, Irma Lopez,

Advisory Members Present: Tomika Griffin-Brown, Colleen Stano

Ex Officio: David Rudge

Guest(s): Janet Hahn, Faculty Senate President, Decker Hains, Faculty Senate Director, Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator; Ramona Lewis, Director, Office of Faculty Development; Yuanliang Sun, Art

Quorum

A quorum was present with 11 members in attendance, of the eight needed to establish quorum.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Wagner, seconded by Rudge, to accept the agenda as provided. The motion carried.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Wagner, seconded by Rudge, to approve the 14 April 2026 minutes as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Leadership Training

President Hahn led the training with support of Hains and Brodasky.

Griffin-Brown joined the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Officer Elections

[MOTION] It was moved by Ohanna, seconded by Rudge, to elect Jessica Cataldo as chair. The motion carried.

[MOTION] It was moved by Rudge, seconded by McGlothlin, to elect Bret Wagner as vice chair. The motion carried.

[MOTION] It was moved by Rudge, seconded by Cataldo, to elect Dylan McGlothlin as secretary. The motion carried.

Committee 2026-27 Charges

President Hahn charged the committee and gave an overview of the committee's actions should they have recommended changes.

Discussion was held regarding Charge #4 and the Undergraduate Studies Council's purview in relation to WMU Essential Studies. It was concluded that Executive Board Liaison Rudge will consult with the Executive Board and report back to the council with guidance regarding the charge.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chair Cataldo adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m. The next USC meeting will be held 22 September via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Sue Brodasky, attending recording secretary

Minutes were approved 22 September 2026.