

4 September 2026

**TO:** **Faculty Senate Executive Board:** Matthew Dumican, Lofton Durham, Wanda Hadley, Decker Hains, Amy Naugle, David Rudge, Daniela Schroeter, David Szabla, Laura Teichert, Andre Venter

**GUEST:** Remzi Seker, Vice President for Research and Innovation

**FROM:** Janet Hahn, Faculty Senate President

### **Executive Board**

#### **AGENDA**

11 September 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ellsworth Hall – Room 3201

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**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

a. Executive Board Minutes of 28 August 2026

**3. (10:30-11 a.m.) Western Michigan University Research 1 Designation – Seker**

- a. Institutional Changes and Infrastructure Needed to Achieve and Sustain R1 Status
- b. Balancing R1 Aspirations with WMU's Student-Centered Mission, Enrollment Challenges, and Tuition-Driven Financial Model
- c. Integration of Research Strategy with Academic Planning, Faculty Capacity, and College-Level Investment
- d. Cross-College and Interdisciplinary Research Opportunities and Development of Research Clusters
- e. University-Wide Approach to R1, Including Equitable Distribution of Resources and Opportunities Across Disciplines
- f. Faculty Impact: Workload, Research Expectations, Research Support, and Recognition of Faculty Contributions
- g. Doctoral Education, Graduate Research Capacity, and Undergraduate Research Opportunities

#### **4. Reports of Officers**

- a. President Janet Hahn
  - i. Matriculation Ceremony
  - ii. Higher Learning Commission and Reduced-Credit Degrees
- b. Vice President David Rudge

#### **5. New Business**

- a. Faculty Senate Representatives on University Committees – Hahn
- b. Faculty Senate Disability Accommodation – Hains and Brodasky
- c. President/Provost Appraisal Instrument Revision – Hahn

#### **6. Unfinished Business**

- a. Ad Hoc Academic Innovation and Foresight Committee Membership and Charges – Hahn, Naugle, and Szabla

#### **7. University Committee Reports**

- a. Digital Accessibility Committee Report – Hadley

#### **8. Council and Committee Reports**

- a. Centers and Institutes Committee – Venter
- b. Professional Concerns Committee – Szabla
- c. Research and Creative Scholarship Council – Durham
- d. International Education Council – Hadley
- e. WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee – Hains
- f. Undergraduate Studies Council – Rudge
- g. Campus Planning and Finance Council – Naugle
- h. Graduate Studies Council – Teichert

#### **9. Announcements**

#### **10. Adjournment**

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#### **Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- WMU President Attendance (Dec. 11; Feb. 12)
- Interim Provost Attendance (Oct. 30; March 26)
- Experience-Driven Learning Workgroup Attendance
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#### **Memoranda of Action – Upcoming:**

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