
ACADEMIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**Minutes of 28 September 2026****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Academic and Information Technology Council was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on 28 September 2026, via Webex by Cara Masselink, chair.

Members Present: Alissa Baker, Ian Evans, Katie Holland, Pavel Ikononov, Geoffrey Lindenberg, Cara Masselink, Alyssa Moon, Jacob Neumann (substitute for Andrew Holmes), Geraldine Rinna

Members Absent: Paul Gallagher, Scott Puckett, Xioadan Wang

Advisory Members Present: Joshua Grant (substitute for Bryon Glock)

Ex Officio Present: Daniela Schroeter

Quorum

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Ikononov, seconded by Rinna, to approve the 14 September 2026 minutes as distributed. The motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Chair Masselink's report included a review of the 2026–27 charges and possible revisions.

Ex Officio Schroeter did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Neumann, Director of Endpoint Management and Executive Success, provided the Office of Information Technology (OIT) report, which included a summary of the Information Technology Organizational Design initiative. A [SharePoint site](#) is being used to communicate the process, which includes discovering key concerns, increasing the speed and effectiveness of support, and improving collaboration.

Moon did not provide the Academic Affairs report.

Grant provided the Student Success Hub report, which included an update that work is underway with Marketing and Communications (MarCom) to provide faculty with timely, targeted, and useful reminders regarding student concern forms, midterm grades, and other relevant information.

Evans provided the Western Student Association (WSA) report, which included that WSA is seeking standardized AI rules and expectations.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

The council proposed revision of charges by moving Charge #4b, regarding the dissemination of AI applications, to Charge #2, regarding serving as a consultative body for AI, and switching the order of Charges #2 and #3.

[MOTION] It was moved by Lindenberg, seconded by Masselink, to recommend amending the charges. The motion carried.

Chair Masselink reported that the Academic and Information Technology Council (AITC) is scheduled to provide a report to the WMU Faculty Senate on 1 October 2026. Chair Masselink, Vice Chair Holland, and Secretary Baker are unable to attend. Lindenberg agreed to attend and provide the report.

Announcements

Chair Masselink shared that designer and gerontologist Dr. Pattie Moore will be at WMU on 5 October 2026, to present “Aging in Place - Designing Independence Lecture”.

Chair Masselink shared that legal scholar Sarah Lamdan, author of *Data Cartels* and Director of the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, will [present](#) on 28 October 2026, in Waldo Library, Room 2016.

Chair Masselink shared that a [survey](#) and research project is being conducted by Jessica Cataldo, Interdisciplinary Health Programs, on faculty use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Neumann shared that OIT is hosting a [National Computing Resources for WMU Researchers: An Awareness Session](#) a research computing event on 15 October 2026.

Vice Chair Holland shared request to create ad-hoc groups to address AITC 2026-27 charges. Chair Masselink postponed further discussion regarding ad-hoc groups to the next AITC meeting on 19 October 2026.

Adjournment

Chair Masselink adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. The WMU Faculty Senate AITC will meet next on 19 October 2026 via Webex at 10 a.m.

Approval

Submitted by Alissa Baker, Secretary

Minutes were approved on 19 October 2026