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Faculty Senate Meeting – Nov. 5, 2026

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Remarks from Faculty Senate President Janet Hahn

- The Executive Board named faculty members to several administrative initiatives, including academic program review, the Higher Learning Commission Quality Improvement Committee, the Digital Accessibility Committee, and the Public Safety Oversight Committee.
- The first meeting of the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Academic Innovations and Foresight Committee was held.
- Many of the Faculty Senate councils and committees are addressing the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence on teaching a learning. The Office of Faculty Development is offering *"AI and Assignment Design"* a virtual series.
- The Executive Board is in the process of redesigning the WMU Faculty Senate Administrator Appraisal instrument with plans to conduct an appraisal of WMU President Russ Kavalhuna in spring 2027.
- There is still time to contribute to the Faculty Senate faculty fees. Support the Board of Trustees-appointed shared governance work the Senate facilitates through its councils, committees, and subcommittees.

Remarks from WMU President Russ Kavalhuna

- Kavalhuna recognized several recent University events and accomplishments, including:
  - College of Business event featuring a former U.S. Secretary of Commerce
  - the Department of Theatre's production of Kinky Boots
  - Family Weekend programming
- President Kavalhuna reported on recent alumni engagement activities, including

a gathering at the Detroit Athletic Club and Homecoming events. He emphasized the lasting influence of faculty on students, sharing examples of alumni who credited individual faculty members with significantly influencing their academic success and personal development.
- Additional highlights included the College of Aviation's Hall of Honor induction and recognition of faculty member Doug Lepisto for his publication in The New York Times.

Remarks from Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Christopher Cheatham

- Academic Affairs updates were provided.
- WMU's Cybersecurity Summit will be on 12 November.
- Experience-Driven Learning (EDL) venture grants applications are open and faculty were encouraged to apply by 15 November.
- New Bronco Bound partnership with Grand Rapids Community College, joining existing agreements with Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Kellogg Community College.
- Sky Broncos Precision Flight Team's fifth consecutive regional championship and advancement to the May 2027 national competition.

Informational Items

- Faculty Voluntary Early Separation Program updates
- WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee activities and 2026–27 priorities
- Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President for Business and Finance Carlos Rodriguez

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