

Unit Communication Notes
Faculty Senate Meeting

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Transfer of Credit Committee has begun discussions of how WMU might be able to accept credits from Career and Technical Education programs around the state.

-Ayers summarized the following:

The Senate councils and committees, comprised of over 400 voluntary faculty, administrators, students, and staff, have over the past academic year, processed five Memoranda of Action including:

- Revision to Advising Directors General Education Substitution Authority
- Revision of WMU General Education Curriculum
- Amendments to the WMU Essential Studies Learning Outcomes
- Adoption of the course approval criteria for proposed WMU Essential Studies courses
- Adoption of the student requirements for the WMU Essential Studies curriculum

Created the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee to oversee and assess the curriculum, and submitted a tentative timeline for WMU Essential Studies implementation.

-Faculty teaching a class online or at a regional location are encouraged to consider applying for the Extended University Programs innovative teaching or community engagement awards. Details are available at: <https://wmich.edu/extended/awards>

Drs. G. Michael Grammer (former WMU faculty), William B. Harrison, III- professor emeritus-geosciences, and David A. Barnes-professor emeritus-geosciences have co-edited Paleozoic Stratigraphy and Resources of the Michigan Basin

Student Accolades

WMU Advertising and Promotion Students-2nd place in their division in the District 6 American Af xgt wulpi Fgf gtcw qpau NcvkpcnUwf gpv Af xgt wulpi Cqo r gvkqp. Pt gupvgtu kpenw gf *Kiana Bailey* (best presenter award), *Sara Buckle*, *Alex Gutierrez-Spencer*, and *David Hughey*.

Suzan Ayers Presidency

Schuemann acknowledged the efforts and contributions of Ayers to the Faculty Senate and larger campus community.

Questions for Dr. Schuemann

Q: Cooley law school has been in the press lately; how are we protecting ourselves?

A: The upper administration is monitoring the press and communicating with Cooley. Everyone finds the negative press disturbing and WMU is working on how to collaborate with Cooley.

WMU Interim Provost Susan Stapleton Remarks

-Student, *Erika Calvo* has been awarded a *National Science Academy post-doctoral fellowship* under Dr. Christine Byrd-Jceqduø o gpvtuj k .

-Stapleton thanked faculty for their participation in *graduation*

-Vj g r cuv { gctau locus on *diversity and inclusion-search committee training* has resulted in more than 500 individuals being trained. Bob Miller collaborated on Carnegie engagement.

-D/E/Withdraw/Incomplete

A: The rate at which students complete semester-to-semester and year-to-year. PELL grant-eligible students persist at a higher rate than those who are not PELL-eligible. WMU PELL-

Chansheng He, Arts and Sciences

David Huffman, Arts and Sciences

Undergraduate Studies Council

Michael Duffy, Representative-at-Large