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Senate Snapshot

Faculty Senate April 8, 2021 Virtual Meeting

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Remarks from Faculty Senate President Marilyn Kritzman

- **HONORS:** Thomas Wolf, Jr. received a Faculty Senate Resolution honoring his service to WMU.

Remarks from WMU President Edward Montgomery

- **COMMENCEMENT:** On May 1 WMU will award a total of 2,433 degrees in a virtual ceremony. There will be safe, socially distanced, outdoor photo opportunities for students. <https://wmich.edu/commencement>
- **HONORS:** Distinguished Teaching Award for 2019 is Dr. Leah Omilion Hodges, associate professor, School of Communication. The 2020 honoree is Dr. Jeffrey Angles, professor, Department of World Languages and Literatures.
- **CONVOCATION:** Research and Innovation Vice President Kinzy is hosting the Spring Convocation on April 16. <https://wmich.edu/research/spring-convocation-2021>
- **HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION:** Faculty who would like to engage with the Higher Learning Commission review site team can join a drop-in session on Tuesday, April 13 from 10:15 to 11 a.m. <https://wmich.edu/hlc>
- **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS:** WMU is authorized as a vaccine site. To schedule an appointment, use Sindecuse's secure [online patient portal](#). Even after you are vaccinated, it's important to continue vigilantly following safety behaviors.

Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott

- **APPRAISAL OF THE PROVOST:** The Provost shared reflections of the appraisal.
<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2021/20210408-PROVOST-APPRAISAL.pdf>

Action and Informational Items

- **WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee Update:** Chair Jonathan Bush provided an update which included fall 2020 assessment data and the upcoming Assessment days, April 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day.
<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2021/Senate%20Snapshot%20-%20Issue%2019.pdf>
<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2021/20210408-WES-Presentation.pdf>
- **WMU Athletic Board Report:** Chair of the Athletic Board Luchara Wallace provided an update on the Board's activity.
<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2021/20210408-Athletics.pdf>

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