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## Senate Snapshot

### WMU Essential Studies

As a designated partner in shared governance, the Faculty Senate would like to thank all faculty, staff, students, and the University senior leadership that contributed to the Higher Learning Commission reaffirmation. We are very proud that WMU Essential Studies, an initiative of the Faculty Senate, was noted as a significant strength in the Higher Learning Commission reaffirmation process and report. The successful development and launch of WMU Essential Studies were due to the collaboration and leadership of all our partners in shared governance (Board of Trustees, Western Student Association, and Graduate Student Association). Over 400 faculty, staff, students, and senior leadership contributed to the development of the program and hundreds more are actively teaching courses in it. To celebrate this initiative, we cordially invite you to attend a WMU Essential Studies launch celebration on Thursday, October 14 at 4:30 PM. More details on the event are forthcoming.

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