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## Senate Snapshot

### Faculty Senate Oct. 7, 2021 Meeting

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#### Remarks from Faculty Senate President Marilyn Kritzman

- **RECOGNITION:** Mark Wheeler was honored with a posthumous Faculty Senate Resolutions
- **APPRAISAL of the PRESIDENT:** The Faculty Senate will conduct its bi-annual appraisal of WMU President Edward Montgomery beginning mid-October

#### Remarks from WMU Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Kahler Schuemann

- **COVID-19:** WMU continues to monitor COVID-19 trends and consults with public health which is yielding results with vaccination rates above state and local rates
- **FALLEN BRONCOS:** the first Fallen Broncos Ceremony will be Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.
- **VICE PRESIDENT SEARCH:** a national search has begun to identify a Vice President for Research and Innovation

#### Introductions from Vice President for Student Affairs Diane Anderson

- **ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENTS:** Reetha Raveensdran was introduced as the associate vice president for dean of students and Barry Olson was introduced as the associate vice president for campus life.

#### Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** overview of the newly launched strategic planning website <https://wmich.edu/strategic>

**HONORS:** the 2021 Academic Excellence Award Series was announced

<https://wmich.edu/news/2021/09/65618>

- **MERZE TATE COLLEGE:** the dedication ceremony will be held Oct. 8 at 4 p.m.  
<https://wmich.edu/merzetate>

### Action and Informational Items

- **MEMORANDUM OF ACTION:** [MOA-19/14](#): *Fixed Price Agreement Policy* and [MOA-21/05](#): *Revision of MOA-16/13 for Undergraduate Certificate Programs* were approved by the Faculty Senate and will be sent on for approval by the administration.
- **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Vice President for Government Relations Jeffrey Breneman provided a legislative update <https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2021/20211007-legislative-update.pdf>

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