Did You Know... Faculty Senators receive electronic copies of Memoranda of Action in advance of the MOA being presented for a vote on the floor of the Senate. Senators are charged with sharing the MOA information with their units and soliciting feedback and questions pertaining to the MOA. For more on MOAs: https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/policies/moa

Remarks from Faculty Senate President Amy Naugle

- **Executive Board**: The 2024-26 Executive Board members were elected.
- **Senators**: The re-elected and newly elected Senators were welcomed.
- **Constitution and Bylaw Update**: Over the summer the Faculty Senate will be updating its Constitution and Bylaws. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please email the Senate office at faculty-senate@wmich.edu
- **Unaffiliated Units Curriculum Committee**: The Executive Board will set about seating the committee members over the summer. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the Senate office at faculty-senate@wmich.edu

Remarks from WMU President Edward Montgomery

- **Dunbar Hall Reopening**: This was an incredible five-year team effort from faculty and staff on campus as well as the designers and builders transformed the well-seasoned building into a monumental moment for campus as it broadens and elevates the educational experience for WMU students.
- **Faculty Research and Creative Activities Awards**: These awards acknowledge and recognize faculty who excelled in research throughout the academic year.
- **Rising Student Athlete GPA**: WMU student athletes have set an all-time high GPA of 3.43. That comes after the record set in the fall, which came after the record set last spring. The overall GPA of 3.43 was the highest WMU student athletes have ever had.
**College of Aviation**: 32 new aircraft will be flown to WMU and replace the current 28 Cirrus SR20 Generation 2 aircraft. This upgrade will enable the College of Aviation to provide training with the most cutting-edge equipment.

**Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Julian Vasquez Heilig**

- **Orientation**: Orientation sessions will include one-day events in May, July, and August catering to transfer students, with early middle college students, as well as overnight sessions in June and July for beginners.
- **Science Olympiad**: WMU welcomed 1,800 of Michigan’s best STEM students to campus for the 2024 Michigan Science Olympiad State Championship.
- **Pre-College Programs**: The provost office is providing WMU swag for all participants attending youth outreach events that are registered with the Office of Pre-College Programming. Email Emily Monacelli at emily.d.monacelli@wmich.edu at least two weeks in advance of any event with the date of the event, the estimated attendee count, and the approximate grade levels.

**Informational Items**

- **MOA-24/03, MOA-24/04, MOA-24/06, and MOA-24/07** were passed.
- Vice President for Government Relations, Jeff Breneman provided the Annual Government Relations update.

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