Trustees scheduled to meet in July

The next meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, July 22. Most board meetings are held during the morning in the Bernhard Center. The agenda will be available closer to the meeting date.

Traffic may be disrupted on Friday

Weather permitting, there will be a film crew on campus Friday, June 24, between noon and 8 p.m. shooting commercial projects. The project may result in temporary traffic disruptions.

Plans call for the crew to be at WMU mid to late morning, shooting at the Parkview Campus by noon, then moving to Fountain Plaza on the main campus. Questions or concerns should be directed to Tim Kellogg, business services, or Blaine Kalafut, public safety.

Families urged to host Japanese visitors

The Haenicke Institute is seeking 10 “friendship families” to host Japanese junior high and high school English teachers coming to WMU in July to study advanced language and English teaching.

Families will be assigned one teacher to host for dinner about twice a week and include in weekend activities from the end of July to the first week of the fall semester. For details, contact Jane Blyth Warren at jane.blyth.warren@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3954.

Sign up now to help with Fall Welcome

Volunteers are needed Monday, Aug. 29, through Thursday, Sept. 1, to help with Fall Welcome events. Visit www.wmich.edu/fyw to obtain details and a registration form.

Nominations sought for NEH stipends

Proposals for $6,000 National Endowment for Humanities 2012 Summer Stipend awards are being accepted through Wednesday, July 6. Once nominated, faculty members may submit their applications to NEH through Thursday, Sept. 29. Visit www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html for complete guidelines. For more information, contact Gina Betcher at gina.betcher@wmich.edu or (269) 387-8204.

In general, submit the following to the appropriate college associate dean by 4:30 p.m. July 6 to apply for nomination: a cover page, including name, contact information, title of proposed work and date; a three-page project narrative documenting intended full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two months; a one-page bibliography; and a two-page resume.

Western News goes on summer hiatus

This is the final issue of Western News for the summer. Publication will resume Thursday, Sept. 8, at the start of the fall semester. During the summer hiatus, visit WMU News at www.wmich.edu/news to stay up to date.
Calligraphy demonstration slated
Paul Wang, a renowned local Chinese calligrapher, will present a free talk and demonstration of his craft and Chinese culture from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, in 2025 Brown Hall.

Free concerts offered during July
Seminar 2011, WMU’s summer music camp for high school students, is set for July 10-23. The students will present several free concerts, including performances by the brass and concert choirs Sunday, July 17, and a concert Saturday, July 23, featuring five chamber music ensembles.

Also, WMU offers a related summer concert series featuring three free shows, all of which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. The shows are a concert by the Gold Company, WMU’s acclaimed jazz ensemble, Monday, July 11; a collage of drumming traditions by Danuya Drum and Dance Thursday, July 14; and a special theatrical piece about Clara Schumann with actress Sharon Williams narrating accompanied on the piano by WMU faculty member Lori Sims Monday, July 18.

BTR Park Critterium set for July 16
The BTR Park Critterium is set for 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Parkview Campus. Online registration ends at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 14. There will be race-day registration on site. Visit www.kalamazoozoo.org/btrcritt to register or obtain more information.

Archaeology open house scheduled
The annual Fort St. Joseph Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13-14, at the project site in Niles, Mich. During this free event, visitors may view ongoing excavations and meet WMU archaeologists. Visit www.wmich.edu/fortstjoseph closer to the event date for complete details.

Elearning boasts new look and improved features
“Potentially transformative” is the way James Gilchrist, WMU chief information officer, describes the transition to a new software program for online instruction, with greatly expanded capabilities for both instructors and students.

The system continues under the name Elearning and offers various improved features in an intuitive, customizable interface. They include a more sophisticated spreadsheet-style grade book, subscription services for discussions, a webinar and interactive engagement platform called LiveRoom, and better integration of third-party tools.

“Instead of online learning being primarily a matter of how to adapt our teaching to the limitations of the system, the flexibility and capabilities of the new Elearning will allow us to expand and improve our teaching with new modes of interactive learning,” says David Leoberg, Code, music, a member of the selection committee for the new system.

The new system will be rolled out in three phases beginning this month and continuing through spring semester 2012. Phase I will roll out fully online courses for summer II session.

Phase II will consist of migrating 100 courses and training the faculty who instruct them for fall semester implementation and feedback. Lastly, Phase III will consist of migrating the remainder of the courses for spring semester implementation.

By spring semester, students will be able to access the new Elearning through GoWMU, and the old system will be taken offline. Beginning with spring semester, all instructors will submit their midterm and final grades through Elearning instead of through the current Banner interface.

Trustees grant promotions to forty-five faculty members
The WMU Board of Trustees approved the promotions of 45 faculty members at its June 9 meeting. All of the promotions are effective with the beginning of the 2011-12 academic year.

Promoted to professor were: Massood Z. Atashbar, electrical and computer engineering; Diane K. Drettere, occupational therapy; Richard Junger, communication; Carla M. Koresky, geosciences; Mahendra S. Lawoti, political science; Vincent Lyon-Callo, anthropology; Janice A. Muchmore, teaching, and educational studies; Kathleen Prop, communication; Elke Schoffers, chemistry; Jeffrey Terputra, statistics; Vincent Torro, art; and Nicholas Witschi, English.

Promoted to associate professor were: Karen Bondarchuk, art; Walter L. Burt, educational leadership; research and technology; William P. Davis, art; Michael A. Famiano, physics; Donald Kane, biological sciences; Karen M. Lancendorfer, marketing; Thawephan (Duke) Leingibuls, marketing; Lestek T. Lilien, computer science; Nichole A. Maury, art; Christine Piazza, special education and literacy studies; Patricia L. Reeves, educational leadership, research and technology; David A. Richter, mathematics; Vivian Rubello, foreign languages; Kenneth H. Smith, music; Patrik Spence, communication; Susan M.B. Steuer, University Libraries; Deanna Swoboda, music; Udaya R.A.J. Wagle, public affairs and administration; Linda A. Williams, sociology; and Kenneth S. Wright, music.

Promoted to assistant professor were: Batson J. Elliott, aviation sciences; M. Patricia Fueth, nursing; Martin B. Grant, aviation sciences; Laurie E. Hays, accountancy; Loren Heun, statistics; Wendy Kershner, nursing; Casey D. McKitrick, English; and Kimberly A. Searing, nursing.

Promoted to faculty specialist II were: Kirsty J. Eisenhart, mathematics; and Thomas F. Rienzo, business information systems.

National group honors administrator
Kathy Beauregard has been named Athletic Director of the Year for WMU’s region and division by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. Top athletic directors were chosen in four geographic regions for each division and sub-divisions in intercollegiate athletics.

Beauregard was selected as the year’s top athletic director in the Central Region for the Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly Divi- sion I-A. The region includes Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Beauregard was named WMU’s athletic director in 1997. Previously, she served the Broncos for nine years as an athletic administrator and nine seasons as gymnastics coach.

Jobs
Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources Web site at www.wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu.html. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.
Miller Auditorium and University Theatre have announced their 2011-12 season lineups. Great seats are available for those who order subscriptions now. In addition, both venues offer discounts for faculty and staff members.

Six hit musicals will take the stage in Miller, including the 2006 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, “Jersey Boys,” March 20-April 1. “Jersey Boys” is about the Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame group, the Four Seasons.

Other productions scheduled as part of this year’s Broadway and Broadway plus packag es are “My Fair Lady” Oct. 18 and 19; “Cirque Dreams Holidaze” Nov. 29 and 30; and the five-time Tony-nominated hit musical “Rock of Ages” Jan. 31, and four-time Tony Award-winning “In the Heights” Feb. 24. The Flex Pass Series includes all of the Broadway and Broadway plus productions, as well as eclectic offerings such as a show by the Harlem Gospel Choir, a salute to the Oscars by WMU’s Gold Company, the comedy of Bob Newhart, Christmas concerts by Kenny Rogers and Celtic Thunder, and the family friendly ballet “Fairytail Fantasy.”

Retirements OK’d for 11 more faculty, staff members

The retirements of five faculty members and six staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its June 9 meeting. Trustees also signed off on four faculty resignations.

All of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Suzanne Hedstrom, counselor education and counseling psychology, 23 years, April 30, 2012; Charles E. Hines Jr., accountancy, 15 years, Aug. 17, 2012; Catherine Julien (posthumous retirement), history, 15 years, May 15; Trent P. Knaust, music, 39 years, April 30, 2012; and Frederick F. MacDonald, social work, 26 years, June 30, 2012.

The staff members retiring are: Brenda A. Brewer, history, 22 years, Aug. 31; Greg J. Brown, Facilities Management-custodial and support services, 34 years, June 30; Sharon M. Dwan, institutional research, 16 years, June 12; Susan S. Kremer, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance, 39 years, June 30; Jan M. Prange, Facilities Management-landscape services, 20 years, June 30; and Mary Swart, WMU-Traverse City, 13 years, June 30.

University approves tenure for 31 faculty members

The WMU Board of Trustees approved the tenure of 31 faculty members at its June 9 meeting, effective with the beginning of the 2011-12 academic year. Their names, titles effective in fall 2011 and departmental affiliations are:

Karen Bondarchuk, associate professor of art; Walter L. Burt, associate professor of educational leadership, research and technology; Amy B. Curtis, associate professor of physician assistant; William P. Davis, associate professor of art; Thomas N. Edmonds, faculty specialist II of fine arts and commercial law; Michael A. Famiano, associate professor of pharmacy; M. Patricia Fuehr, master faculty specialist of nursing; Donald Kane, associate professor of biology; and Kimberly A. Searing, associate professor of organizational behavior; Thomas Wagle, assistant professor of public affairs and administration; Yu-an Kang Wang, associate professor of speech and hearing sciences; Caroline B. Webber, associate professor of family and consumer science.

Students explore careers through business externships

More than 50 Haworth College of Business students spent the month of May job shadowing business professionals as part of the 2-year-old Business Externship Program. The program, developed to help first- and second-year students build on their education, matched business students interested in particular occupations with professionals already working in those fields. The students observe the business environment, tasks, and responsibilities of the professionals during one- to five-day externships.

This year, 97 externships were offered at 49 different work sites. The program is coordinated by Geralyn Heytek and Jessie Wagner, career advisors with the business college’s Career Center. They created the externship program after noting that some students have trouble engaging in their education until they discover an academic major and career path that is a good fit for them.

CAS associate deans named

Cathryn Bailey and Terrell Hodge have been appointed associate deans in the College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 13.

Bailey, a professor of gender and women’s studies and former director of the program, came to WMU in 2008. In her new role, she will focus on interdisciplinary programming, international programming, space allocation, and faculty and student success.

Hodge, an associate professor of mathematics, came to WMU in 1999. In her new role, she will be focusing on budget and personnel, information technology, and the research, creative and scholarly activities of faculty and students.

West Michigan News June 23, 2011
how does Janice Anderson get her bearings when the Faculty Senate is in full swing for the academic year? "If the Undergraduate Studies Council is meeting, it must be Tuesday," Anderson, the Senate's administrator, answers with characteristic good humor.

The Senate supports WMU's faculty and administration in shared governance by formulating, reviewing and giving advice on policies and other matters of concern to the University. The organization is comprised of more than 80 members in addition to the scores who serve on the Senate's six councils and five standing committees.

Anderson maintains the schedules for the full Senate and its executive board, councils and committees. She coordinates meetings, prepares materials, and attends and takes minutes at key meetings. She's also the support person for the Committee to Oversee General Education, which annually reviews general ed courses, and helps coordinate the annual Presidential Scholars Convocation and Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner.

"A lot goes on behind the scenes to make things run smoothly. When coordinating over 100 meetings a year, you have to be sensitive to special holidays and keeping meeting dates as consistent as possible," Anderson says. "As with many positions on campus, my daily work schedule is dictated by whatever pops up as a priority. I just switch gears and refocus."

Anderson spent many years in the fashion industry in New York City and as part owner of a Texas bakery chain before enrolling at WMU in 1997. After earning a bachelor's degree in English, she signed up with a temp agency and prepared to move back to Texas. Anderson took an eight-week clerical position in the dean's office of the education college but made such a good impression that she was offered a full-time post there. She went on to become the administrative assistant for teaching, learning and leadership, where she stayed until accepting her Senate position in 2005.

"The Faculty Senate has been an interesting place to work. It provides an overview of how the University operates, plus the opportunity to meet and work with a diverse number of individuals across campus," she says. "Many of the faculty who serve in the Senate and on its councils and committees carry full faculty loads, yet still volunteer their time to benefit our students, faculty and University."

Anderson and her husband DeWayne, a retired WMU faculty member, live in Texas Township. She finds it amusing that her goal of living in Texas came true, albeit not in the location she had in mind. She has one daughter, Mercedes, a lawyer and 2003 WMU graduate who currently serves on the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

### University signs on to help GRCC students earn associate degrees

WMU is one of four Michigan universities that inked an unprecedented reverse transfer agreement June 13 with Grand Rapids Community College, enabling students to earn an associate degree by combining their GRCC credits with those earned at the school to which they transferred.

WMU joined Davenport, Ferris State and Grand Valley State universities in signing the agreement, which makes it possible for students who have earned at least 45 credits at GRCC to apply for a retroactive associate degree using the credits earned at their four-year transfer school. It takes 60 credits to earn a GRCC associate degree.

WMU President John M. Dunn was on hand for the signing ceremony, along with GRCC President Steven Ender and the presidents of the other participating universities. State lawmakers and area business people also attended the event. The initiative grew out of a brainstorming session with Talent 2025, a coalition of Michigan educators and business leaders working to enhance Michigan's future workforce.

According to GRCC officials, about 1,000 students leave the school every year having earned 45 credits or more, but without earning enough for a degree. The new agreement allows them to combine credits earned at two schools to add an important credential to their resume.

That credential also can serve as a safeguard for students who may not complete their four-year degree before entering the work force.

### Major changes made in WMU's withdrawal policy

Beginning with the current summer session, students wanting to withdraw from a course have only two options: student-initiated withdrawal within a specific time period at the beginning of a session or semester, and thereafter, Hardship Panel-approved withdrawal.

A previous option of appealing to an instructor for approval to withdraw is no longer available.

Following the period for student-initiated withdrawal, all requests to withdraw must be made to and approved by the Hardship Panel.

Qualifying as hardships for consideration by the panel are: physical or mental illness; serious injury to the student or a close family member; death of a close family member; an act of violence; and other serious circumstances mostly or wholly beyond the student's control.

Students are strongly encouraged to consult with the University ombuds before initiating a hardship-based withdrawal appeal. International students also are encouraged to consult with staff in the Haenicke Institute's Office of International Admissions and Services.

More details and examples are available at www.wmich.edu/Registrar/recorders/withdraw on the Registrar's Office website. Direct questions to the Office of the Ombuds.

### Four named Frostic Fellows

Four doctoral candidates have been awarded spring 2011 Frostic Doctoral Fellowships. They are Reem El Asaleh, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging; Stephanie Evergreen, evaluation; Melanie Knitz, political science; and Tova Samuels, chemistry.

Frostic Doctoral Fellowships are given twice annually by the Graduate College. They are made possible by an endowment from the estate of the late Gwen Frostic, a poet, artist, naturalist and WMU alumna. The competitive fellowships assist doctoral students in all fields with dissertation expenses, including tuition and fees, materials and travel.