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Inside Updates: Enrollment management candidates to visit campus, application deadline for sustainability internship nears and the Faculty Senate supports proposal to reform general education.

## Enrollment management candidates soon to visit campus

By Dr. Timothy Greene, provost and vice president for academic affairs

As promised, I would like to provide a brief update regarding the search for the associate provost for enrollment management.

The search committee completed airport interviews during the week of April 4. Later this month and in early May, it is our plan to bring a total of three to five candidates to campus.

As we have done in the past, we will provide members of the University community with opportunities to meet with each candidate in different settings, including small group meetings, a public presentation, as well as question-and-answer sessions for faculty, staff and students.



Dr. Jim Gilchrist, vice provost for budget and personnel and chief information officer, and Dr. Carla Koretsky, dean of the Lee Honors College, are the co-chairs of the search committee. Cathy Smith, business manager senior in the Office of the Provost, is providing administrative support. The committee has been working since January with search consultants from Greenwood/Asher and Associates Inc.

Updates regarding this search will be available from the administrative search page [here](#). Search updates also will be publicized through the WMU Today staff and faculty e-newsletter, the Updates in Academic Affairs online newsletter and on social media.

## Deadline for paid sustainability internship is April 25



The Office for Sustainability is accepting applications from students interested in participating in the WeSustain Internship Program for the fall 2016 semester.

The application deadline for this semester-long paid internship opportunity is 5 p.m. Monday, April 25.

Find additional information regarding the internship program as well as a link to the application at [wmich.edu/sustainability/opportunities/internships](http://wmich.edu/sustainability/opportunities/internships).

Those interested in the internship also may contact Laura Donders, internship coordinator, at (269) 387-0943 or [laura.m.donders@wmich.edu](mailto:laura.m.donders@wmich.edu).

## **Faculty Senate OKs proposal to revise WMU's general education curriculum**

On April 7, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the Ad Hoc General Education Committee's recommendation to initiate changes to the University's general education curriculum.

As stated in the official Memorandum of Action-General Education Revision, the committee called on the Senate to "...officially recognize the need to revise and refocus WMU's current general education curriculum and initiate this revision..."

A copy of the memorandum—MOA-16/06—is available from the Faculty Senate website by clicking [here](#).

Before making its recommendations, the Ad Hoc General Education Committee completed a three-year review and study of the University's general education curriculum. The committee recommended learning outcomes be aligned with the Association of American Colleges & Universities' Liberal Education and America's Promise initiative.

Goals of general education reform at WMU will focus on developing meaningful curricular paths for students, incorporating clear learning outcomes across the curriculum, and employing valid assessment methods that allow students to demonstrate what they can do and what they know.

MOA-16/06 will be sent to the administration for its review and approval at the beginning of May. Once approved by the administration, the Faculty Senate will appoint a committee to create alternative models of general education curriculum.

For additional information regarding the recommended general education revision or questions about next steps, contact the Faculty Senate office at (269) 387-3310 or [faculty-senate@wmich.edu](mailto:faculty-senate@wmich.edu).