

## President's Report (5/13-6 /28)

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- Holding regular office hours/meetings
- Ongoing meetings/personal communication with members
- Signature for payments
- Membership communication – email updates, cards, etc.
- Meeting with Paul Clement – interested in discussing support for local union groups
- 5.15 Open Textbook Workshop hosted by WMU library. Provided information regarding the cost savings for students and potential to impact student success. Questions regarding how textbook development may impact T&P portfolio if faculty were to develop a textbook was raised. This may be something to discuss in preparation for negotiation.
- 5.21 Michigan Labor Management Association (MLMA) conference (East Lansing) on “The Impact of Civility.” The Keynote speaker was Gretchen Whitmer. The following topics were addressed by individual speakers: Schools-Community-Social Media, Workplace Civility, Impact of Civility on Personal Health, and Impact of Civility on the Economy. Attended with LuMarie Guth; summary available by request.
- 5.22 Meeting with Kathy Praedel, Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is connecting with a variety of unions in Kalamazoo and is interested in mentorship commitments for Promise recipients. We had a good discussion on the potential recruitment/Promise/student success that could be in play.
- 5.23 Provost meeting at the Montague House
- 5.23 Meeting with CB for planning Communication strategy
- 5.29 Meeting with TAU and PIO leaders. Discussion about joint training and support for membership.
- 6.5 Meeting with WMU Administration regarding Montague House lease. They backed off their demands and we have an understanding that we will return to the ‘old’ lease with a few key corrections regarding bringing the building up to code. There is a 12month exit clause added. Hints of ‘old and hard to keep up,’ ‘the university doesn’t have money for building repairs,’ ‘bring in a building inspector to determine safety,’ so we need to discuss our options.
- 6.10 Montague House Coffee – discussion of FARS
- 6.11 Meeting to close Step 2 Grievance for two members (attended with R Trenary)
- 6.19 Enews development with Communications Officer regarding the change in prescription coverage that the WMU admin is forcing on Sindecuse.
- 6.20 Developing letter of support for the university to adopt land acknowledgment
- 6.20 Contacted by Women’s Caucus to ask for letter of concern for the closing of the Children’s Place Learning Center.
- 6.24 Modern Think meeting for first overview of the high level findings of the questionnaire. The data comparison for top/high ratings and lowest ratings were shared. The cabinet was given the same ppt before the working committee, and was receptive and not surprised of the results. Yes, our communication structure is one area of concern. An email will be coming out within the week to outline how the data will be shared with the community (townhalls) as well as making an action plan at the college level. There were ~14pages of comments that need to be synthesized. Big picture?? WMU has a lot of work ahead of itself to develop a vision /mission that the community can get behind. Good examples of three universities that have used the data and developed clear core values were provided (Fresno State <http://fresnostate.edu/president/strategic-plan/index.html>, Drake University <https://www.drake.edu/corevalues/>, Minnesota State University Moorhead (<https://www.mnstate.edu/about/mission.aspx>))
- 6.26 Board of Trustees meeting; statement regarding Rx drug policy
- Officer meeting 6.26