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## **WMU MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY PROTECTED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT?**

KALAMAZOO, MI – This afternoon’s Town Hall at Western Michigan University strengthened the conviction of WMU-AAUP that the WMU medical school faculty “will be members of our union, with equal rights to tenure and promotion, academic freedom and participation in the governance of our University,” said Dr. Allen Zagarell, President of WMU-AAUP.

“Frankly, we don’t understand why the administration would want to privatize our medical school,” Dr. Zagarell said. “After all, every dollar of donations diverted from Western Michigan University is a dollar that will have to be made up with increased tuition.” Nonetheless, Dr. Zagarell noted that the source of funds for a faculty member’s salary does not determine his or her status or rights to the benefits and protections of the collective bargaining agreement.

Although the administration has indicated to the union that it does not want the medical school faculty protected by the contract it negotiated last year, WMU-AAUP believes it has a legal and a moral obligation to ensure that the medical school faculty are not rendered second class citizens at WMU.

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