

## President's Report (11.8.19)

Submitted by Carol Weideman

- Holding regular office hours/meetings
- Ongoing meetings/personal communication with members
- Signature for payments
- Membership communication – email updates, cards, etc. Many Welcome cards written this month.
- 10.1 Engagement planning session held in the Bernhard Center. Results of the employee engagement survey was presented. Questions not answered at the session(s) can be found online (<https://wmich.edu/employee-engagement/qa>). Trust and transparency are big issues of concern. The page is still open for anyone to ask questions: <https://wmich.edu/employee-engagement>
- 10.8 Coffee at Montague House
- 10.8 Two hour off-campus meeting with a member
- 10.9 Provost meeting at Seibert
- 10.11 EC meeting
- 10.23 Wellness Committee meeting: discussion of the Wellness Expo scheduled for 11.7. Many opportunities for the university employees to be introduced to services on campus. Volunteered to 'work' the Wellness Committee Table.
- 10.25 Meeting with PIO regarding common communication messages.
- 10.25 Chapter meeting – Nominations of EC positions were made; discussion of handling academic integrity concerns.
- 10.25 Fourth Friday
- 10.30 Attended the "Think Big Town Hall" (third forum of four). Plans on improving flexibility for changing paths in college, centralized advising. The need for mental health and services that would be available was 'less than' in my humble opinion. Many concerns about the poor high school counselor report from the engagement survey. We have a hill to climb; what is the solution?? Currently in Phase 4; summary found <https://wmich.edu/thinkbig/phase4>. A focus of this phase is also: Marketing research with prospective undergraduate and graduate students, parents of prospective undergraduates, alumni, high school guidance counselors, business leaders, faculty and staff, and current students. The goal of the research is to provide a baseline measure of the strength of the Western brand, relative to competitors, and test the prototype that surfaced in Phase 3. There aren't any students or faculty on the Phase 4 Design Team.
- 11.5 Lengthy meeting with Jeff Breneman (VP for Government Relations). He requested the meeting and is interested in reaching out to various groups on campus to get a feel for the concerns/issues. The focus of the next push for the legislature will begin in the spring, and he would like us to be part of that. We talked about line item ideas that we could join on, rather than just the general 'Higher Education' needs.
- 11.6 Conference call with four other schools to start up the Michigan conference. Plans include a January face-to-face meeting to discuss logistics. Research of other conferences for best practices will be a guide as we determine what the goal of the conference will be.
- 11.7 Wellness Expo contribution; representing the chapter
- 11.8 Meeting with PIO