

WMU-AAUP

Western Michigan University Chapter of
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Press Release

Medical School Faculty Will Have Representation on the WMU Faculty Senate

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KALAMAZOO, MI – “The medical school faculty are members of our union, and they have equal rights to tenure and promotion, academic freedom and participation in the governance of our University, including service on the Faculty Senate, under the collective bargaining agreement agreed to by the administration last year,” said Dr. Allen Zagarell, President of WMU-AAUP, the union representing the full time faculty at Western Michigan University.

“We want to dispel the rumors that our medical school faculty cannot serve on the Faculty Senate,” Dr. Zagarell said.

To suggest otherwise, he noted, would effectively render the medical school faculty second class citizens at WMU.

Medical school faculty at Wayne State University are represented by the faculty union there, and Dr. Zagarell expects the integration of the WMU medical school faculty with the rest of the university faculty to proceed equally well here.

WMU-AAUP doesn't know the source of the rumors, but Dr. Zagarell speculated that it must have been someone unfamiliar with WMU's collective bargaining agreement.

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