

# University Senate Update

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**Michigan Tech**

# The 2021- 2022 Senate Term

## 52 Numbered Proposals/Resolutions/Charters

- 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of proposals in a Senate term (since 1959)
- 4 highest totals in last 4 years (2020-21: **87**; 2019-20: **68**; 2018-19: **53**)
- Average for the 29 previous years (1989-90 to 2017-18) is 27 proposals
- In the 1980s never more than 10 in a year

# New Programs and Curricular Changes

- 2 new Bachelor's degrees
  - Manufacturing Engineering (MMET) and Sustainable Communities (SS)
- 6 new minors
  - Business IT Solutions (CoB), Construction Management (CEGE & CoB), and Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Innovation (CoB); Jazz Studies, Sound, and Theatre Performance (VPA)
- 1 new concentration
  - Pre-pharmacy w/in the Chemistry BA Degree (CH)
- 2 Program Name Changes
  - "Bioinformatics" to "Computational Biology" (BL) and "Pharmaceutical Chemistry" to "Medicinal Chemistry" (CH)
- 2 new Master's degrees
  - Business Analytics (CoB) and Policy and Community Development (SS)
- 5 new Graduate Certificate programs
  - Automation and Controls in Mechatronic Systems (AC); Fluid Power in Mechatronic Systems (MMET); Industrial Robotics (AC); Public Policy (SS); Scientific Computing (MA)

# Student Evaluations of Teaching

Proposal 2-22: Revisions to Procedure 504.1.1 Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations

Proposal 19-22: Uses of Student Evaluations of Instruction: Best-Practice and Minimal Standards

# Policy and Procedure Revisions

- Proposal 15-22: Proposed change to Senate Policy 706.1.1 section 8 on timing of sabbatical applications
- Proposal 20-22: Proposed College-level Tenure and Promotion Review Process
- Proposal 27-22: Proposal to Modify Senate Policy 413.1: Accelerated Master's Programs
- Proposal 31-22: Establishment of an Accessible & Affordable Course Materials University Standing Committee

# Policy and Procedure Revisions cont.

- Proposal 38-22: Proposed Revisions to Academic Rank Definitions Section of the Faculty Handbook and Associated Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy
- Proposal 43-22: Revision of Misconduct Policy in Research, Scholarly, and Creative Endeavors
- Proposal 48-22: Revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy

# Calendar Changes

- Proposal 14-22: Proposal on the Scheduling of Examinations, Projects, Presentations, and Papers on Election Day
- Proposal 37-22: 2023-24 Academic Calendar and Provisional Calendar for 2024-25
- Proposal 39-22: Amending the Scheduling of Spring Break in Senate Policy 101.1
- Proposal 50-22: Proposal to Create an “October Recess”

# Senate Constituency

- Proposal 1-22: University Senate Handbook
- Proposal 9-22: Resolution to Raise Awareness and Reduce Mental Health Stigma
- Proposal 23-22: Proposal for the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Evaluate the Structure and Timing of Senate Meetings
- Proposal 40-22: Improved Access to Health and Wellness Programs/Activities
- Proposal 41-22: Amendments to the University Senate Constitution
- Proposal 42-22: Amendments to the University Senate Bylaws