

University Senate end of year overview

Michael Mullins, Senate President



Actions relating to covid-19

- Emergency Proposal 41-20: Emergency Proposal: Pass/Fail Option for Spring Semester 2020 Classes
- Emergency Proposal 42-20: Emergency Proposal to Extend the Time for Completion of an Incomplete Grade
- Emergency Proposal 43-20: Emergency Proposal: Teaching Evaluations During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Emergency Proposal 54-20: EMERGENCY PROPOSAL: Amendment to Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal (Senate Policy 416.1)
- Proposal 55-20: Proposal: Updated Fall Semester 2020 Academic Calendar in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Proposal 56-20: “Low Pass” grade option for Pass/Fail grade mode in response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Proposal 57-20: Retaking Courses in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Emergency Proposal 59-20: EMERGENCY PROPOSAL: Pass/Fail Option for Graduate Students in Spring 2020
- Emergency Proposal 60-20: EMERGENCY PROPOSAL: Amendment to Graduate Scholastic Standards (Senate Policy 418.1)



New degree programs

- Proposal 2-20: Proposal for a new Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science
- Proposal 24-20: Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Proposal 25-20: Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering
- Proposal 32-20: Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics
- Proposal 40-20: Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Bioproducts
- Proposal 48-20: Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 6 proposals to establish new certificates
- 5 proposals to establish new minors



Other significant proposals

- Proposal 3-20: Recommendation: The School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science requests to Transition to a College
- Proposal 4-20: Recommendation: The School of Business and Economics requests to Transition to a College, “The College of Business”
- Proposal 18-20: Proposal to Examine the University Defined Contribution Plan
- Proposal 19-20: Senate Proposal on Campus Security and Safety at Michigan Technological University
- Proposal 28-20: Recommendation: The College of Computing requests to establish a Department of Applied Computing
- Proposal 31-20: Revisions to Senate Procedures 802.1.1 SEARCH PROCEDURE FOR COLLEGE DEANS
- Proposal 33-20: Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award
- Proposal 52-20: Revision to Policy and Procedures for “Standards for Online and Remote Courses”



Senate involvement in university initiatives

- Graduate School Dean Search Committee
- Committee on Academic Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment (CATPR)
- Benefits Advisory Group
- Sabbatical Leave Committee
- President's Budget Advisory Committee
- Academic Integrity Committee
- Public Safety Oversight Committee
- Athletic Council



Going Forward

- Hold summer meetings as needed to address coming issues relating to COVID-19 – approx. 80% of Senators willing to meet
- Seek to expand laptop initiative to all students for distance learning
- Continue audit of Senate Policies and Procedures
- Initiate faculty workload analysis
- Manage the new programs/certificates/minors
- Submit a grant proposal for textbooks and course material accessibility
- MLK Day holiday for all employees
- Expand family leave and elder care

