



**Michigan
Technological
University**

University Senate Report

Presented to the Board of Trustees

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Marty Thompson, President
University Senate



Discussions

- **Michael Meyers**, Director CTL . Observations of a Changing Educational Environment. Textbook costs.
- **Pushpa Murthy**, Dean, Graduate School. Graduate Programs Assessment. Accelerated masters program.
- **Ann Kitalong-Will**, Chair, Steering Committee, *Civility Statement. Classroom and professional conduct.*
- **Ellen Horsch**, VP Administration. Parental Leave Policy.
- Proposal 10-17: Resolution in Support of our International Colleagues and Students



Reports

➤ ***Paul Bergstrom, Chair, Committee on Academic Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment***

Recommendations to improve CATPR process.

Proposal 09-16: Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy 6.4

➤ ***W. Charles Kerfoot, Ad-Hoc Textbook Committee***

Working with CTL and the Library

Workshop discussing textbook alternatives. Using the vast array of technologies.

Senate-funded research into tangible solutions

➤ ***Cayce Will, IT Committee***

Overview of IT across campus. Current status and future challenges.



Reports

➤ ***Ellen Marks, Director, Library***

Update on journal costs. Dialogue with publishers.

➤ ***Shane Mueller, Administrative Policy Committee***

Evaluation of President Mroz and a Senate self-evaluation.

➤ Jay Meldrum, ***Executive Director, KRC***. Sustainability and Recycling.

➤ Yu Cai, ***Senator***. Cyber Security.

➤ ***Jacob Guter, Fringe Benefits Committee***

Summary of 2016 Employee Benefits Survey & Full Report of 2016 Employee Benefits Survey.



Senate approved Proposals

Academic Programs (7)

- Concentration in Electric Power Engineering as part of the degree Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- Minor in Naval Systems Engineering
- Laptop Requirement for Students in Engineering Fundamentals First-Year Courses
- Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program in Integrative Physiology
- Undergraduate Minor Program Proposal Bioethics Minor
- Graduate Certificate in Automotive Systems and Controls
- Revisions to the Accelerated Master's Program



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Assessment

- Proposal 29-16: Proposal to Formally Establish **Assessment Liaisons** in all Units Mandated to Participate in the Assessment Process

Online/Distance Education

- Proposal 18-17: Online Course Examination Policies and Procedures.
 - SARA compliance



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Administrative Policy Revisions (4)

- Evaluation Procedures for Department Chairs and School Deans“
 - Based on committee feedback.
 - Part of a broader program to assess and evaluate the effectiveness of procedures/policies (Policy 506.1.1, XIV)
- Review and Reappointment of Deans of Colleges
- Search Procedures for Dean of the Graduate School
- Search Procedure for University Administrators



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Revisions to the Senate Constitution and Revisions to the Bylaws

- Proposal 19-17: Revision to Senate Constitution
 - Approx. 45% response rate
 - 70% approval
 - 25% voted to abstain
- Proposal 22-17: Revision to Bylaws



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Revisions to the Senate Constitution

- Define when the 'term of office' commences.
- Define who can waive term limits of senators.
- Minor edits, clarifications, updated terminology, etc.