

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 1-19 (Amended in red and green 10-10-18)

(Voting Units: Full Senate)

“Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement”

Submitted by: Senate Executive Committee

Background/Rationale

During the 2017-18 Academic Year, the University Senate officers and committees participated in writing a draft of a Vision Statement for the University Senate. Senate officers sought out and received feedback from individuals and committees across the Senate over the 2017-18 Academic Year.

The Vision Statement was written to assure that the goals of the Senate are in alignment with the University's Mission and Vision, and assures the Senate's active role in the University's shared governance structure.

Proposal

It is proposed that:

1. The Senate approve and adopt the following Vision Statement to help guide current and future Senate work in our role in shared governance at Michigan Tech.
2. The Senate authorizes the Senate Executive Committee as responsible to periodically facilitate future revisions and updates to the Vision Statement such that it continues to reflect Senate goals and objectives and aligns with university Mission and Vision.

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