

# **The University Senate of Michigan Technological University**

## **Proposal 28-19**

### **Modify Class Start Times**

(Voting Units: All)

#### **Overview:**

Currently most classes at Michigan start at 5 minutes after the hour or half hour and end either 5 or 10 minutes before the hour or half hour (e.g., 8:05-8:55 for a 50 minute period or 8:05-9:20 for a 75 minute period).

Ending classes only 5 minutes before the hour makes it difficult for students and faculty to move from class to another location for other events such as meetings with off-campus groups. Meetings scheduled within Michigan Tech or outside the University are normally scheduled to begin on the hour. Frequently Michigan Tech faculty and students who attend these meetings are consistently “late” because they arrive 5 minutes after the scheduled start time.

The proposed change will help Michigan Tech faculty and students synchronize their schedules with others who operate on schedules for which events normally begin on the hour or half hour.

#### **Proposal:**

Beginning with the fall semester of the academic year in which this policy can feasibly be implemented, classes at Michigan Tech will begin on the hour or half-hour.

This means that, for example, 50-minute periods will end 10 minutes before the appropriate hour and 75-minute periods will end 15 minutes before the appropriate hour or half hour. Ending times for classes that meet longer than a 75-minute period will be adjusted accordingly.