

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 25-22

(Voting Units: Full Senate)

“Proposal for the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Update the Senate Constitution and Bylaws”

Submitted by: The Senate Executive Committee

I. Introduction

A recent review of the Senate Constitution revealed inconsistencies in content, language, and formatting with other governing documents that regulate the function of the University Senate. A comprehensive review and updating of the Senate Constitution, and the conformity of the Senate Bylaws with this document, is needed.

II. Rationale

In Senate term 2020-21, the ad hoc *Senate Bylaws Update Committee 2020* (Proposal 25-21) brought forward updates to the Senate Bylaws that were subsequently passed as Proposal 56-21. At the time these changes were proposed, it was recognized that inconsistencies with the Senate Constitution existed and that an additional round of updates would be necessary once the process of constitutional updates was undertaken. That larger process of constitutional and bylaws updates was deferred to this Senate term.

III. Proposal

The University Senate will constitute an ad hoc committee, *The Senate Constitution and*

Bylaws Update Committee 2022, which will commence work immediately upon approval. The ad hoc committee will be comprised of volunteers from among the roll of current Senators and Alternates. The committee will study and make recommendations concerning any needed changes/revisions to clarify, update, and bring into conformity the Senate Constitution and Senate Bylaws with each other, and with existing University policy. The ad hoc committee will be disbanded following the review and passage of any proposed changes/revisions, a process to be completed by the end of the 2021-22 Senate term.