

Notes from Senate President's Report
Senate Meeting 550 (September 10, 2014)
President Craig Waddell

1. Structural problems with the Senate (addressed this summer or in the process of being addressed):

- Senators and alternates from Professional Staff Units had no way to communicate with their constituents.
- Senators and alternates being appointed by department chairs or unit supervisors rather than elected.
- Confusion as to what to do with Senate Professional Staff Units in the wake of the merger of Student Affairs and Advancement.
- Need to update Senate constituents' lists in light of changes in administrative structures, numerous promotions, etc.
- Problems with the Senate not meeting during the summer: officers-elect, standing committees, Executive Committee.

2. Over the summer

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New webpage <http://www.mtu.edu/senate/> still under development:
images for

Tech Fund account for the Senate: #3298

New microphones for Dow 642

Senate meetings are now broadcast on Charter channel 190

3. Shared Governance:

- President Mroz's presentation on shared governance at the Senate's April 23 meeting, including his slide on four, shared-governance scenarios. Choosing scenario 4 (both the Administration and the Senate highly engaged) will require support from the Administration:

“This really sets a tone for going forward. . . . If everybody's got high engagement, both the administration and the Senate, you've got a Senate and an administration that collaborate really well together. Does that mean that everybody gets what they want all the time? No, it doesn't. It means that they collaborate, and, hopefully, there's some understanding why things are the way they are.

“There's really only a couple of places to be here, because the Board will fire the administration if we are not engaged. . . so the rest of the these governing scenarios are really up to you and the new [Senate] president coming in as to what happens in the coming year.”

President Glenn Mroz
Senate Meeting 549
April 23, 2014

Governance Scenarios

High	Senate Displaces Administration	Senate & Administration Collaborate
Low	Senate & Administration Disengage	Administration Displaces Senate
	Low	High

Administrative Engagement

Note: Modeled after Chait, etal. 2005

- External consultant to advise on design and administration of the Senate's President and Executive Team Evaluation Survey?
- When adjusted for inflation, the Senate's budget was reduced by 8.8% between 2004 and 2014.