

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 611

September 26, 2018

Senate minutes are time-indexed [in square brackets] to the relevant segments of the streaming video of the meeting.

Synopsis:

- Presentations
 - a. Rachel Jones in Hunger and Homelessness on Campus
- Committee Reports:
 - a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador
 - b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook
 - c. Curricular Policy – Chair
 - d. Elections – Chair
 - e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin
 - f. Fringe Benefits – Chair
 - g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai
 - h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr
 - i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot
- Unfinished Business:
 - a. Approval of Senate budget for 2018-2019
 - b. [Proposal 1-19: “Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement”](#) presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)
 - c. [Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU”](#) presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)
- New Business
 - a. Approval of Senate Budget
 - b. Proposal 1-19: “Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units; Full Senate)
 - c. Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 611 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday September 26, 2018.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:11-2:34]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Rahachar, Tewari, Middlebrook, Christianson, Gaede, Larkin, and Aho with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Academic Services B and C, and Student Affairs & Advancement C, liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, and Undergraduate Student Government. Visitors were: Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office), Janet Callahan (College of Engineering), and Elisha Houle (Wellness/HuskiFAN).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:34-3:10]

The agenda was **passed** on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 610 [3:10-3:37]

The minutes were **passed** on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

5. Presentations [3:37-19:50]

Rachel Jones on Hunger and Homelessness on Campus gave these slides. [Slide 1](#) [Slide 2](#)

6. President's Report [19:50-30:49]

- a. Proposals approved by administration: 5-18, 22-18, 30-18 [19:50-20:55]
- b. Results of CFO Search Committee election [20:55-21:29]
Faculty representatives are Anne Beffle and Roger Woods. Staff representatives are Jessica Brassard and Ruth Archer.
- c. Presentation to Board of Trustees [21:29-22:11]
Mullins said he would present slides to the Board and that the slides would be put on the Senate web site for comment.
- d. Senate representation on: retention task force, diversity council, consensual relations policy group [22:11-23:44]
- e. Senate-Graduate Faculty Council Liaison [23:44-26:10]
Pat Heiden volunteered and was appointed.
- f. Brian will speak on the unconscious bias issues on teaching evaluations [26:10-30:49]
Barkdoll announced a new ad hoc committee to investigate SET and self and peer evaluations. Audrey Meyer from the Diversity Council talked about goals for the year.

7. Committee Reports [30:49-42:27]

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador
Amador gave update on issues from last year to continue.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook
Mullins Announced that Middlebrook was elected chair.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair
Sweitz announced Compensation Report and asked for issues to work on.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai
Cai said will work with IT to address issues.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot
Kerfoot gave committee issues as textbooks, update on status of H-STEM proposed building, and extended endowment for graduate support.

8. Unfinished Business [42:27-46:28]

- a. Approve Senate standing Committee list.
The list was **passed** on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

9. New Business [46:28-1:10:10]

- a. Approval of Senate Budget [46:28-49:48]
Patchin showed [this slide](#) on the budget.
- b. 1-19: “Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units; Full Senate) [49:48-55:08]
Will showed the Senate Vision Statement showing [this slide](#). Discussion ensued.
- c. Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) [55:08-1:10:10]

Will showed the proposed changes showing this slide. Discussion ensued. Kittalong-Will gave further explanation.

10. Public Comments [1:10:10-1:15:21]

Beffle asked for an election of a Senate Parliamentarian. Mullins stated it required a change of the bylaws.

Huntoon asked for change in agenda to replace retention tasks force with innovation task force. Also announced upcoming campus conversations and encouraged registration.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate