

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

## Minutes of Meeting 612

October 10, 2018

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

### Synopsis:

- Presentations: none
- 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
  - j. Ad Hoc Committee – Brian Barkdoll
- Unfinished Business:
  - a. Proposal 1-19: “Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units; Full Senate) **PASSED**
  - b. Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) **TABLED**
- New Business: none

### 1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 612 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 10, 2018.

### 2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:11-2:50]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Kerfoot, Rahachar, Middlebrook, Allred, Huentemeyer, Rudnicki, Christianson, Viera-Ramos, Gaede, Larkin, Guter, Will, Siekas, Brassard, and Knudstrup with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Library, School of Forestry, Visual and Performing Arts, Academic Services B and C, and Student Affairs & Advancement C, Administration, Research, liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, and Staff Council. Visitors were: Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Audrey Mayer (Provost’s Office), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser, and Jeremy Brown (Chemistry).

### **3. Approval of Agenda [2:50-4:13]**

Amador moved to add a presentation by Audrey Mayer.

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

### **4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 611 [4:13-4:14]**

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

### **5. Presentations [4:14-21:47]**

Audrey Mayer – “Diversity Council Tasks for 2018-2019”

Meyer gave [these slides](#) on 2018 Climate Study. Discussion ensued.

### **6. President's Report [21:47-31:14]**

- a. Disposition of Proposals – 3-19, 4-19, 5-19 in preparation
- b. Volunteers/nominees needed for the following Ad Hoc Committees
  - 1. Parking and Transportation Ad Hoc Committee being formed by Chris Middlebrook
  - 2. Consensual Relations Working Group volunteers still needed. Mullins asked for volunteers but nobody did so.
  - 3. Textbook Accessibility lead by Kerfoot. Toorongian mentioned CTL efforts as well.
  - 4. Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching
  - 5. Senate Parliamentarian possible but bylaws would have to be changed.

### **7. Committee Reports [31:14-44:46]**

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: 2 proposals on web site. Dean and Chair search committee issues. Also CATPR extension on tenure period.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: none. Mullins mentioned Presidential Evaluation form is being worked on.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough: Archer gave update on shelvings.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: 2 positions on CATPR coming up. Also Chair and Dean evaluations.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: first meeting coming up.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: working on agenda.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: work with IT Governance Committee and Online Task Force. Huntoon gave update on the task force.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr: Preliminary list of questions being formed.

- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: Mazzoleni gave report on textbooks and grad student endowment. Mullins mentioned “IRAD tax” issue and asked committee to look at it.
- j. CFO Search Committee: Beffle gave report. First meeting coming up.

## **8. Unfinished Business [44:46-1:03:36]**

- a. Proposal 1-19: “Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units; Full Senate)

Mullins showed updates. Discussion ensued. The motion was made, seconded, and **PASSED** on a voice vote.

- b. Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units; Full Senate)

Mullins introduced Provost Huntoon who gave an update on suggestions and other efforts on policy. Proposal was **TABLED**.

## **9. New Business [1:03:36-1:03:46]**

None.

## **10. Public Comments [1:03:46-1:08:04]**

Mehendale asked about Career Fair issues with courses and asked if it was possible to have half a day recess. Mehendale volunteered to be on the Academic and Instructional Policy Committee who was assigned this issue. Amador asked about Proposal 2-19 being handled by his committee and it was assigned thus.

## **11. Adjournment**

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Brian Barkdoll  
Secretary of the University Senate