

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

## **Minutes of Meeting 613**

**October 24, 2018**

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

### **Synopsis:**

Presentation: “Important New Websites You Need to Know” presented by Dr. Bonnie Gorman, Dean of Students and Kellie Raffaelli, Assistant Dean and Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion

- Committee Reports:
  - a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador
  - b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook
  - c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burl
  - d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson
  - e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin
  - f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz
  - 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: none
- New Business:
  - a. [Proposal 4-19: “Expanded Endowment for Graduate Support”](#) presented by Research Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
  - b. [Proposal 6-19: “Amendment to Senate Procedures 805.1.1, Search Procedures for Department Chairs and School Deans”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
  - c. [Proposal 7-19: “Amendment to Senate Procedures 802.1.1, Search Procedures for College Deans”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
  - d. [Proposal 8-19: “Sabbatical Leave for Lecturer Track Faculty”](#) Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
  - e. [Proposal 9-19: “Proposal to Shelve Secondary Education Certification Program”](#) presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

### **1. Call to Order**

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 613 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 10, 2018.

## **2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:11-2:45]**

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Rajachar, Heiden, Vertanen, Tewari, Huentemeyer, Hutchinson, Rudnicki, Christianson, O’Kane, Viera-Ramos, Larkin, Brassard, Patchin, Brown, Aho and Webster with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, ME-EM, School of Forestry, Visual and Performing Arts, Academic Services C, and Student Affairs & Advancement A and C, liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council. Visitors were: Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Kellie Raffaelli (Center for Diversity and Inclusion), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser Administration), and Apurve Baruah (Graduate Student Government).

## **3. Approval of Agenda [2:45-3:06]**

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

## **4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 612 [3:06-3:40]**

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

## **5. Presentations [3:40-18:44]**

“Important New Websites You Need to Know” presented by Dr. Bonnie Gorman, Dean of Students and Kellie Raffaelli, Assistant Dean and Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion

These websites were presented:

<http://www.mtu.edu/concern>

<http://www.mtu.edu/diversity>

<http://www.mtu.edu/diversity-center/resources/first-amendment/>

Questions ensued regarding security, communication, free speech, and mandatory reporting.

## **6. President's Report [18:44-40:11]**

a. Disposition of Proposals – 31-18 (GMES charter)

b. Ad Hoc Committees – vote to establish

1. Parking and Transportation

2. Textbook Accessibility

3. Bias in Student Evaluation of Teaching [22:31-35:00]

Barkdoll showed cmte info and asked for additional members. Kemppainen and Gregorsen volunteered. Baruah and Colleen Toorongian volunteered to get GSG and USG input.

- c. Ad Hoc Committees – Mullins announce that they still need members
  - 1. Consensual Relations Working Group
  - 2. Innovation Task Force-Mullins asked if it should be Retention Task Force. Barkdoll asked for input for the Retention Task Force. Huntoon confirmed that there is an Innovation Task Force and needs more members.  
Mullins asked Coleman-Kaiser if Senate could have representation on the Staff Planning Committee. An explanation followed.

## **7. Committee Reports [40:11-47:13]**

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: none
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: none
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burl: none
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: Mullins said looking for CATPR Cmte members, Sam Sweitz self-nominated
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: Bennett gave update on budget items
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: semester agenda compensation report, TRIP and Health and Wellness benefits, retirement, elder care, and retirement.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: none
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr: none
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: none
- j. CFO Search Committee: Beffel gave update.

## **8. Unfinished Business [47:13-47:23]**

None.

## **9. New Business [47:23-1:13:00]**

- a. [Proposal 4-19: “Expanded Endowment for Graduate Support”](#) presented by Research Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [47:23-58:17]

Kerfoot gave background. Baruah commented on existing efforts.

- b. [Proposal 6-19: “Amendment to Senate Procedures 805.1.1, Search Procedures for Department Chairs and School Deans”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [58:17-59:52]

Amador gave intro.

- c. [Proposal 7-19: “Amendment to Senate Procedures 802.1.1, Search Procedures for College Deans”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [58:17-59:52]

Amador gave intro.

- d. [Proposal 8-19: “Sabbatical Leave for Lecturer Track Faculty”](#) Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [59:52-1:05:20]

Amador gave intro. Kerfoot asked for more information on current situation.

- e. [Proposal 9-19: “Proposal to Shelve Secondary Education Certification Program”](#) presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:05:20-1:13:00]

Burl gave introduction. Stockero gave background.

#### **10. Public Comments [1:13:00-1:15:00]**

None.

#### **11. Adjournment**

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Brian Barkdoll  
Secretary of the University Senate