

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

## **Minutes of Meeting 615**

**November 28, 2018**

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

### **Synopsis:**

#### **Presentation:**

- a. “Research Computing” presented by Joshua Olson, Chief Information Officer
- b. “Graduate School Update” presented by Dr. Pushpalatha Murthy, Associate Provost/Dean, Graduate School

#### **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:**

[Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU”](#)

presented by Administrative and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)

#### **New Business:**

[Proposal 12-19: “Establish a Policy on the Quality of Online Courses”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)

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

Vice President Cayce Will called the University Senate Meeting 615 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday November 28, 2018.

### **2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:21-2:50]**

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Rajachar, Mullins, Heiden, Carn, Allred, Tewari, Beffel, O’Kane, and Gaede or Liaisons Webster, Ahangar, and Bishop with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Library, School of Technology, Academic Services B, and Liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council and Staff

Council. Visitors were: Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Josh Olsen (Information Technology), Jen Terlap (Information Technology), Pushpalatha Murthy (Graduate School), Debra Charlesworth (Graduate School), Apurva Baruah (Graduate Student Government), Alex Guth (Provost's Office), and Tom Freeman (Center for Teaching and Learning).

### 3. Approval of Agenda [2:50-3:30]

Amador moved removal of [Proposal 8-19: "Sabbatical Leave for Lecturer Track Faculty"](#) from Unfinished Business.

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

### 4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 614 [3:30-3:45]

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

### 5. Presentations [3:45-49:23]

a. "Research Computing" presented by Joshua Olson, Chief Information Officer [3:45-22:23]

Olsen showed [these slides](#). Questions ensued.

b. "Graduate School Update" presented by Dr. Pushpalatha Murthy, Associate Provost/Dean, Graduate School [22:23-49:23]

Murthy presented [these slides](#) and answered questions.

### 6. President's Report [49:23-51:23]

a. Disposition of Proposals: none.

b. Ad Hoc Committees –

1. Textbook Cost and Accessibility - **PASSED** without dissent.

2. Bias in Student Evaluation of Teaching- **PASSED** without dissent.

c. Ad Hoc Committees – Will announced more people needed.

1. Consensual Relations Working Group

2. Innovation Task Force

3. Retention Task Force

### 7. Committee Reports [51:23-53:28]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: none.

- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: none.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough: none.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: Sam Sweitz from Social Sciences and Stefka Hristova from Humanities were elected to the CATP election coming up shortly.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: data coming next meeting.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: none.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: none.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr: none.
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: none.

## 8. Unfinished Business [53:28-54:47]

- a. [Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU”](#)  
presented by Administrative and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)

Amador gave brief update. **PASSED** without dissent.

## 9. New Business [54:47-1:18:54]

Proposal 12-19: “Establish a Policy on the Quality of Online Courses” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)

Toorongian gave overview and answered questions.

## 10. Public Comments [1:18:54-1:19:42]

Huntoon announced that all task committees mentioned in Part C of the President’s Report have enough Senate representatives now.

## 11. Adjournment

Vice President Will adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate