

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 616

December 12, 2018

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

Synopsis:

Presentation: none.

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:

- a. [Proposal 12-19: “Establish a Policy on Standards for Online Courses”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) **PASSED**
- b. [Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) **PASSED**
- c. [Proposal 8-19: “Sabbatical Leave for Lecturer Track Faculty”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

New Business: none.

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 616 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday December 12, 2018.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:21-2:25]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Heiden, Carn, Tewari, Huentemeyer, O’Kane, Viera-Ramos, Gaede, Larkin, Guter, Siekas, and Aho or Liaisons Webster, Ahangar, Bishop, or Tootongian with no representatives from Army/Air

Force ROTC, Chemistry, Geological and Mining Eng & Sci., ME-EM, Academic Services B and C, and Student Affairs and Advancement C and Liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council and the Graduate Student Government. Visitors were: Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Pushpalatha Murthy (Graduate School), Alex Guth (Provost's Office), and Chad Arney (Provost's Office), Max Sexauer (USG), Robon Edwards (USG), and Tom Freeman (Center for Teaching and Learning).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:25-3:01]

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 615 [3:01-3:45]

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

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5. Presentations [3:45-4:18]

None.

6. President's Report [4:18-9:22]

Mullins introduced Ashley Buchanan the new Senate Assistant. [4:18-6:20]

- a. Disposition of Proposals: Proposal 6-19, 7-19, and 9-19 all approved. [6:20-6:58]
- b. Board of Trustees Presentation 12/14/18 [6:58-7:39]
[Available here.](#)
- c. Financial report on Website. [6:58-8:15]
[Available here.](#)
- d. Mullins announced university new initiatives. [8:15-9:22]

7. Committee Reports [9:22-31:02]

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

- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: none.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough: Mullins announce minor of forest biomaterials and a minor in business are in process.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: none.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: research being done on how other Senates are being funded and our Senate budget.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: total compensation report out for review and should be ready by the end of the semester.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: IT survey on research computing being conducted.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr: survey being formed.
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: endowment proposal passed and endowment could increase.
- j. Ad hoc on textbook availability – Charlie Kerfoot noted progress.
- k. Consensual Relation Working Group – Rachel Jones: draft policy ready, being reviewed.
- l. Parking and Transportation – Jason Gregerson: showed survey. Comments given by others.
- m. Teaching Evaluation – Barkdoll gave report.

8. Unfinished Business [31:02-52:38]

- a. [Proposal 12-19: “Establish a Policy on Standards for Online Courses”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) [31:02-45:45]

Barkdoll moved to add language to say that if using an online delivery expert such as Keypath then the instructor doesn't need approval or training. Kerfoot seconded, Discussion ensued. Amendment did **NOT PASS**. Original proposal **PASSED** with one dissenting vote.

- b. [Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) [45:45-51:10]

Amador showed proposal. Proposal **PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

- c. [Proposal 8-19: “Sabbatical Leave for Lecturer Track Faculty”](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [51:10-52:38]

Amador moved to table the proposal. Tabling **PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

9. New Business [52:38-53:39]

None.

10. Public Comments [53:39-57:56]

Amador announced some new policies transferred from other committees.

Patchin asked if the Senate President and Vice President could give Senate updates on proposal selection for new university initiatives.

Bressard and Beffle gave update on CFO search.

Dual identification for CANVAS coming up.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate