

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

## Minutes of Meeting 617

January 23, 2019

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

### Unfinished Business:

- a. [Proposal 8-19: "Sabbatical Leave for Lecturer Track Faculty"](#) presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

### New Business:

- a. [Proposal 18-19: "Proposal to Shelve the Nondepartmental Master of Engineering Civil Engineering \(EGR3\)"](#) presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. [Proposal 19-19: "Proposal to Shelve the Nondepartmental PhD in Engineering Geotechnical Engineering \(EPD3\)"](#) presented Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. [Proposal 20-19: "Proposal to Shelve the Nondepartmental Master of Engineering Environmental Engineering \(EGR5\)"](#) presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- d. [Proposal 21-19: "Proposal to Shelve the Nondepartmental PhD in Propulsion Systems Engineering \(EPD6\)"](#) presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- e. [Proposal 22-19: "Proposal 22-19- Proposal to Shelve the Nondepartmental PhD in Engineering Sensing and Signal Processing \(EPD4\)"](#) presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- f. [Proposal 23-19: "Proposal to Shelve the Nondepartmental PhD in Engineering Structural Engineering \(EPD1\)"](#)

## **1. Call to Order**

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 617 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday January 23, 2019.

## **2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:21-2:45]**

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 [2:45-3:14]**

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

## **4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 616 [3:14-3:45]**

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

## **5. Presentations [3:45-4:09]**

None.

## **6. President's Report [4:09-12:54]**

- a. Budget Forum with David Reed 1/31/19 [4:09-5:20]
- b. Proposal 2-19 edits: Mullins described editorial changes. Huntoon says she will review again. [5:20-9:40]

- c. Editorial changes to [Senate Procedure 707.1.1](#) to match [Board of Trustees Policy 6.4](#) [9:40-11:27]
- d. Request for Senate input on University initiatives [11:27-12:54]

## 7. Committee Reports [12:54- 26:25]

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: Proposal 8-19 for a vote. Gathering info for other proposals.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: none.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough: Alex Guth mentioned shelvings.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: none.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning: Chair Steve Patchin mentioned report on Senate finances and university budget coming up.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz – benefits reports coming to Senate soon.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: It survey came out.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Rachel Jones: none.
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: upcoming presentation on H-STEM building. Research Policy Cmte will handle Graduate Faculty Appointment proposals with Grad School.
- k. Consensual Relation Working Group – Rachel Jones: none.
- l. Parking and Transportation – Chris Middlebrook mentioned parking survey.
- m. Teaching Evaluation – Barkdoll gave update.
- n. Textbooks: Kerfoot mentioned joint meeting of those involved and will write a grant proposals to facilitate transition.

## 8. Unfinished Business [26:25-40:32]

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

Amador and Sweitz introduced. Paper ballot results were 12 Yes and 7 No. Proposal **PASSED**.

## 9. New Business [40:32-43:31]

Dean Pushpamurthy gave background that these degrees have not been used for many years.

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#### **10. Public Comments [43:31-43:44]**

None.

#### **11. Adjournment**

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate