

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 620

March 6, 2019

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

Synopsis:

Presentations:

Finance Committee Report presented by the Senate Finance Committee

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 Rachel Jones
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot
- j. Ad Hoc Committee – Brian Barkdoll

Unfinished Business:

- a. Proposal 10-19 “Modification of Graduate Faculty Status in Faculty Handbook” presented by Research Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- b. Proposal 13-19: “Proposal for Minor in Sustainable Biomaterials” presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- c. Proposal 24-19: “Proposal for a New Graduate Degree Program “Masters in Engineering Management (MEM)” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee **PASSED**
- d. Proposal 28-19: “Modify Class Start Times” presented by Brian Barkdoll and Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All) **PASSED**
- e. Proposal 29-19: “A Proposal to Reinstate (Unshelve) the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mining Engineering” presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

New Business:

- a. Proposal 32-19: “Replace Senate Policy 411.1: Graduate Certificates” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee
- b. Proposal 35-19: “Proposal to Change Degree Title from ‘BS in Wildlife Ecology and Management’ to ‘BS in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation’” presented by Curricular Policy Committee
- c. Proposal 36-19: “Defining Cross-Listed and Dual-Listed Courses” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee
- d. Proposal 37-19: “Proposal to Change the University Defined Contribution Plan to a 10% Base Contribution with a 2.5% 1:1 Match” presented by Fringe Benefits Committee

- e. Proposal 38-19: “Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award” presented by Executive Committee
- f. Proposal 39-19: “Proposal to Constitute a Representative University Benefits Planning Committee” presented by Fringe Benefits Committee

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 620 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday March 6, 2019.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:19-4:48]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Trewartha, Kempainen, Cooke, Tewari, Mehendale, Christianson, Beffle, Vierra-Ramos, Jones, Gaede, Larkin, Siekas, and Aho or Liaisons Webster, or Bishop, with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, ME-EM, Visual and Performing Arts, and Eng, and Academic Services B and C, and Liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council and the Staff Council. Visitors were: John Gierke (GMES), Natalie Wohlgamuth (USG), Soonkwan Hong (SBE), Mari Buche (SBE), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Debra Charlesworth (Graduate School), and Nathaniel Yenor (Innovation & Commercialization).

3. Approval of Agenda [4:48-5:39]

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 619 [5:39-6:20]

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

5. Presentations [6:20-34:39]

“Michigan Tech Financial Overview” Finance Committee Report presented by the Senate Finance Committee

Patchin gave **these slides**.

6. President's Report [34:39-39:25]

- a. Disposition of Proposals
 - i. 14-19, "Proposal to Shelve Certificate Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)"
 - ii. 15-19, "Proposal to Shelve Minor Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)"
 - iii. 17-19, "Proposal for a New Concentration in Data Analytics Within the BS in Accounting"
 - iv. 25-19, "Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology"
 - v. 26-19, "Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Safety and Security of Autonomous Cyber-Physical Systems"
- b. Recap Board of Trustee's Presentation, Mullins gave these slides.
- c. Request for Senate input on University initiatives
 - i. Graduate School Performance Review Committee

7. Committee Reports [39:25-54:49]

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: none.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: Met with Shane Mueller regarding faculty survey.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough: Rajachar gave an update.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: survey on Senate evaluation is out now.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: updating budget process.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: none.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: none.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Rachel Jones: analyzing staff survey and re-examining reorganization effects Senate membership.
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: none.
- j. Ad hoc on textbook availability – Charlie Kerfoot: proposal coming up in grad faculty status. Also draft of textbook proposal is being worked on.
- k. Consensual Relation Working Group – Rachel Jones: none.
- l. Parking and Transportation – Chris Middlebrook: presented these slides on parking survey results.
- m. Teaching Evaluation – Brian Barkdoll: proposal finished to be introduced next meeting.

8. Unfinished Business [54:49-45:15]

- a. Proposal 10-19 "Modification of Graduate Faculty Status in Faculty Handbook" presented by Research Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Kerfoot and Pushpa introduced. **PASSED** without dissent by voice vote.

- b. Proposal 13-19: "Proposal for Minor in Sustainable Biomaterials" presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Rudnicki introduced. **PASSED** without dissent by voice vote.

c. Proposal 24-19: "Proposal for a New Graduate Degree Program "Masters in Engineering Management (MEM)" presented by Curricular Policy Committee

Buche introduced. **PASSED** without dissent by voice vote.

d. Proposal 28-19: "Modify Class Start Times" presented by Brian Barkdoll and Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Barkdoll introduced. Discussion ensued. **PASSED** by iClicker by a vote of 16 yes to 13 no.

e. Proposal 29-19: "A Proposal to Reinstate (Unshelve) the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mining Engineering" presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Gierke introduced. **PASSED** without dissent by voice vote.

9. New Business [45:15-2:00:34]

a. Proposal 32-19: "Replace Senate Policy 411.1: Graduate Certificates" presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Cantrell from Graduate School introduced. Questions and discussion ensued.

b. Proposal 35-19: "Proposal to Change Degree Title from 'BS in Wildlife Ecology and Management' to 'BS in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation" presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Rajachar introduced.

c. Proposal 36-19: "Defining Cross-Listed and Dual-Listed Courses" presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Amador introduced.

d. Proposal 37-19: "Proposal to Change the University Defined Contribution Plan to a 10% Base Contribution with a 2.5% 1:1 Match" presented by Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz and Guter introduced. Discussion ensued.

e. Proposal 38-19: "Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award" presented by Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Mullins introduced.

f. Proposal 39-19: "Proposal to Constitute a Representative University Benefits Planning Committee" presented by Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz introduced. Discussion ensued.

10. Public Comments [2:00:34-2:01:20]

None.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate