

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 621

March 27, 2019

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

Synopsis:

Presentations:

- a. “Student Rating of Instruction Summary Student Laptop Discussion– Spring 2019” presented by Michael Meyer, Director, William G. Jackson Center for Teaching and Learning
- b. “Transportation Services” presented by Daniel Bennett - Police Commissioner & Director of University Safety and Security, Gail Kotajarvi-Gerard – Manager of Transportation Services, Jeremy Lundy – Assistant Manager of Transportation Services

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 32-19: “Replace Senate Policy 411.1: Graduate Certificates” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee **PASSED**
- 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 **PASSED**
- c. Proposal 36-19: “Defining Cross-Listed and Dual-Listed Courses” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee **PASSED**
- 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 **PASSED**
- e. Proposal 38-19: “Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award” presented by Executive Committee **PASSED**
- f. Proposal 39-19: “Proposal to Constitute a Representative University Benefits Planning Committee” presented by Fringe Benefits Committee **PASSED**

New Business:

- a. Proposal 16-19: “Minor in Business” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee

- b. Proposal 27-19: “Proposal for Minor in Systems Engineering” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee
- c. Proposal 30-19: “Proposal for a Master of Science in Mechatronics” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee
- d. Proposal 33-19: “Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Mechatronics” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee
- e. Proposal 40-19: “Further Revision of Graduate School Policy Regarding External Membership on Graduate Committees” Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee
- f. Proposal 41-19: “Update Senate Procedure 504.1.1: Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations” Presented by Ad hoc Committee on Bias in Teaching Evaluation
- g. Proposal 42-19: “Proposal to Change Degree Title from ‘MS in Medical Informatics’ to ‘MS in Health Informatics’” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee
- h. Proposal 44-19: “Proposal for Career Fair Recess” Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee
- i. Proposal 45-19: “Proposal to Change the Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan (TRIP) Benefit to 100% for Dependents, Spouses, and Designated Eligible Individuals” Presented by Fringe Benefits Committee
- j. Proposal 46-19: “A Proposal to Update Section 1.5.5 ‘Non-Tenure-Track Academic Rank Definitions’ in the Michigan Technological University Faculty Handbook and Board of Trustees Policy 6.01: Faculty Definitions to Include Non-Tenure Track Faculty Appointments for University Librarians and Archivists” Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 621 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday March 27, 2019.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:10-2:40]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Heiden, Trewartha, Carn, Allred, Tewari, Rudnicki, Christianson, O’Kane, Will, Brassard, and Brown or Liaisons Webster, Ahangar, Bishop, or Thompson, with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Biomedical Engineering, Geological Engineering Mining and Sciences, Academic Services B, Auxiliaries, Research, and Liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, Graduate Student Government, and Staff Council. Visitors were: Sticklen (Engineering Fundamentals), Jean Kampe (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Debra Charlesworth (Graduate School), Mike Meyer (Jackson CTL), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Pushpa Murthy (Graduate School), Will Cantrell (Graduate School, Physics), Jeremy Lundy (Transportation), Colin Neese (Administration), Byron Quinn (Administration), Marina Choy (graduate student and member of Senate ad hoc Cmte on Bias in Teaching Evaluations), Dan Bennett (Safety and Security), Tom Cogswell (Human Resources), Teresa Woods (Mathematical Sciences), and Nancy Beyers-Sprague (Graduate School).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:40-3:10]

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 620 [3:10-3:50]

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

5. Presentations [3:50-53:54]

- a. “Student Rating of Instruction Summary and Student Laptop Discussion– Spring 2019” presented by Michael Meyer, Director, William G. Jackson Center for Teaching and Learning [3:50-31:37]

Meyer gave **these slides**.

- b. “Transportation Services” presented by Daniel Bennett - Police Commissioner & Director of University Safety and Security, Gail Kotajarvi-Gerard – Manager of Transportation Services, Jeremy Lundy – Assistant Manager of Transportation Services [31:37-53:54]

Bennet gave **these slides**.

6. President's Report [53:54-1:07:30]

a. Disposition of Proposals

- i. Proposal 10-19 “Modification of Graduate Faculty Status in Faculty Handbook”
- ii. Proposal 13-19: “Proposal for Minor in Sustainable Biomaterials”
- iii. Proposal 24-19: “Proposal for a New Graduate Degree Program “Masters in Engineering Management (MEM)”
- iv. Proposal 28-19: “Modify Class Start Times”
- v. Proposal 29-19: “A Proposal to Reinstate (Unshelve) the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mining Engineering”

b. School of Technology presentation from Dr. Sunil Mehendale and Dr. John Irwin

Mehendale and Irwin gave **this slide**.

c. Election for Senate Representatives on University Initiatives – Closes on Friday

- i. Graduate School Performance Review Committee, VP for Advancement Search Committee, Faculty Distinguished Service Award Committee

7. Committee Reports [1:07:30-1:14:10]

- 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: Senate Officer election upcoming and Senate Self Evaluation results are in.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: proposal almost ready for Senate budget process and next year's budget.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: none.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: none.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Rachel Jones: Professional Staff Survey almost done, also representation of staff.
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: grant proposal for textbooks almost ready.
- j. Ad hoc on textbook availability – Charlie Kerfoot: grant proposal for textbooks almost ready.
- k. Consensual Relation Working Group – Rachel Jones: none.
- l. Parking and Transportation – Chris Middlebrook: none.
- m. Teaching Evaluation – Brian Barkdoll: none.

8. Unfinished Business [1:14:10-1:33:27]

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

Cantrell introduced. **PASSED** by voice vote without dissention.

- 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)

Storer introduced. **PASSED** by voice vote without dissention.

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

Amador introduced. Question ensued. Motion to table **PASSED** by voice vote with one dissenting vote.

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 introduced. **PASSED** by voice vote without dissention.

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

Mullins introduced. **PASSED** by voice vote without dissention.

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

Sweitz introduced. **PASSED** by voice vote without dissention.

9. New Business [1:33:27-2:26:13]

a. Proposal 16-19: “Minor in Business” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Burl introduced. Hutchinson gave comments.

b. Proposal 27-19: “Proposal for Minor in Systems Engineering” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Sticklen introduced.

c. Proposal 30-19: “Proposal for a Master of Science in Mechatronics” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Sergeyev introduced.

d. Proposal 33-19: “Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Mechatronics” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Sergeyev introduced.

e. Proposal 40-19: “Further Revision of Graduate School Policy Regarding External Membership on Graduate Committees” Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Murthy introduced.

f. Proposal 41-19: “Update Senate Procedure 504.1.1: Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations” Presented by Ad hoc Committee on Bias in Teaching Evaluation (Voting Units: All)

Kemppainen and Gregersen introduced. Questions ensued.

g. Proposal 42-19: “Proposal to Change Degree Title from ‘MS in Medical Informatics’ to ‘MS in Health Informatics’” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Burl introduced.

h. Proposal 44-19: “Proposal for Career Fair Recess” Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Amador, Patchin, and Edwards introduced. Questions ensued.

i. Proposal 45-19: “Proposal to Change the Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan (TRIP) Benefit to 100% for Dependents, Spouses, and Designated Eligible Individuals” Presented by Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz introduced. Comment ensued.

j. Proposal 46-19: “A Proposal to Update Section 1.5.5 ‘Non-Tenure-Track Academic Rank Definitions’ in the Michigan Technological University Faculty Handbook and Board of Trustees Policy 6.01: Faculty Definitions to Include Non-Tenure Track Faculty Appointments for University Librarians and Archivists” Presented by Presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Sams introduced. Discussion ensued.

10. Public Comments [2:26:13-2:27:29]

Cogswell commented on Proposal 46-19.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate