

MINUTES OF THE FORMAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY held pursuant to due call in Ballroom B of the Memorial Union Building on the campus of Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, Michigan at nine o'clock on the morning of February 27, 2026.

The Board of Trustees of Michigan Technological University met in formal session at the University's campus at Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, State of Michigan, at 9:00 a.m., on the 27th day of February, in Ballroom B of the Memorial Union Building. The place, hour, and date are duly established and duly published for the holding of such a meeting.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, J.E. Jipping, and a quorum was declared present.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present:

J.U. Bacon  
A.R. Dickson  
J.E. Jipping, Chair  
M. D. Johnson  
J. C. Littmann  
S. M. Tomaszewski  
S.D. Wayne  
M.Q. Wells  
R. J. Koubek, ex officio

The following officers were present:

S.H. Schulte, Secretary  
C. R. Rodriguez, Treasurer

Also present during part or all the session were: Andrew Barnard, Laura Bulleit, John Lehman, William Kordenbrock, William Roberts, Andrew Storer, and various members of the faculty, administrative staff, student body, press, and public.

Where item numbers are used, they refer to corresponding item numbers in the agenda, in the hands of the Board members.

### **III. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by S. Tomaszewski, supported by J. Littmann, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the agenda of the formal session of February 27, 2026, as distributed to the Board of

Trustees, be approved.

#### **IV. OPENING REMARKS**

##### **A. Chair's Comments**

Good morning, everyone. It is a pleasure to welcome you all to today's meeting.

The sun is shining this beautiful morning. I called my wife when I arrived and said, now this is the Tech I remember, they have the right amount of snow. She said - they call that "Wednesday"!

I'm convinced that our students don't just graduate with degrees in engineering, computing, or the sciences, they graduate with a PhD in Tenacity. There is a certain brand of "Keweenaw Grit" that comes from trekking to an 8:00 a.m. lab through a horizontal snowstorm. It builds a unique sense of community; when you're all digging your cars out of the same snowbank, you tend to form a bond that lasts a lifetime.

Our faculty and researchers continue to turn these very challenges into global opportunities.

I want to highlight some remarkable research being done at Michigan Tech. First, since we are all currently living in a snow globe, it is fitting to recognize the work of a team of researchers with the Great Lakes Research Center (GLRC) who are looking at water isotopes to more accurately forecast lake-effect snow across the Great Lakes region. By understanding where the water goes and how the snow follows, their work will someday help communities make more informed, evidence-based decisions to prepare for lake-effect snow events, providing adequate lead time for storm preparations, snow removal, and school closures. I think we can all get behind this research.

Additionally, our APS LABS continues to demonstrate why Michigan Tech is a leader in national security and mobility. They are currently developing a vehicle-integrated power kit for U.S. Army tactical vehicles. This is cutting-edge work that ensures our armed forces have the power and efficiency they need in the most rugged environments — criteria our researchers are more than familiar with and have little trouble testing.

Speaking of rugged environments, our students recently proved they are "Prepared for Any Climate" during our Spring Career Fair. Despite the weather—and even having to close for the afternoon of Interview Day due to the conditions—the energy was high. Over 150 employers braved the elements because they know that Michigan Tech students are the ones who show up and get the job done, no matter what the thermometer says.

We also just wrapped up another spectacular Winter Carnival. I want to congratulate Phi Kappa Tau for their first-place finish in the Men's Division with their incredible "Blast to the Top" statue. The creativity and sheer manual labor on display during Carnival is a testament to the "True to Tech" spirit we've been discussing all week.

The "Keweenaw Grit" I mentioned earlier was the silent backdrop to our Annual Board Retreat over the last two days. I want to thank my fellow Trustees, President Koubek, and our guest

speakers for what was a truly high-energy session at the Alumni Center. I understand President Koubek will share more about what we discussed, but I just want to say that our theme this year, "True to Tech" was more than just a title; it was a roadmap for our future. On behalf of the Board, we thoroughly enjoyed our time diving deep into the five pillars that will define Michigan Tech's next chapter.

I also want to extend a special thank you to Coach Bill Muckalt for joining us during lunch yesterday. His insights into the Men's Ice Hockey program reminded us all that the same discipline required on the ice is exactly what we are striving for in our labs and classrooms.

The deliberations of the past two days have reaffirmed our collective commitment to the mission of Michigan Technological University. As we move from the strategic atmosphere of our retreat into the formal business of this meeting, we do so with a clear-eyed understanding of the fiduciary and visionary responsibilities ahead.

The "True to Tech" framework is not merely a slogan; it is a deep commitment to academic rigor, research preeminence, and the long-term stewardship of this institution. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to President Koubek and the executive team for their strategic insights, which ensure that Michigan Tech remains a resilient engine for innovation.

Now to Dr. Koubek for his opening remarks.

#### **B. President's Comments**

Chair, Members of the Board, and audience members. Good morning and thank you for being with us today.

Over the past few days, the Board of Trustees and university leadership have engaged in our annual Board Retreat. The overarching theme was "True to Tech -- a collaborative effort to solidify the pillars of what it truly means to be excellent in all areas of service to our students, state, and the world by being uniquely Michigan Tech.

Today, I would like to provide you with a brief summary of our conversations.

Provost Storer provided an overview of Michigan Tech's newly launched essential education curriculum. Three years in the making, this new curriculum reiterates commitment to build a 21st century skill set crucial for our students to become leaders who can respond to the increasingly frequent technological changes impacting our economy and society. Both the manner in which it was developed, and the outcome was pure Michigan Tech.

Vice President for Research Barnard and Provost Storer led discussions around Tech Forward 2.0 and the four research areas Michigan Tech will rally around in the next several years. The areas lean on the breadth and depth of our faculty research strength and the needs of our society -- including human health, defense and national security, critical resources, and Artificial Intelligence. I believe we are now positioned to kick off Tech Forward 2.0 this summer.

Dr. Laura Bulleit led a discussion on the design of the Chang K. Park Student Wellness Center which is slated for construction to begin over the summer. When complete in 2028, the new space will provide nearly 76,000 square feet of space dedicated to providing a welcoming wellness environment where physical health, mental health, and restoration are seamlessly woven into daily

campus life. Seeing Mr. Park's vision for this building to come to life is deeply appreciated and once finished, it will be a wonderful addition for our students on our campus.

Vice President for Advancement, Bill Roberts thanked the Campaign Executive Committee for their support toward our campaign fundraising goal. With that trajectory, we discussed the upcoming launch of the public phase of the campaign.

Finally -- CFO Carlos Rodriguez highlighted the opportunity and ongoing activity of instituting a contemporary budget model, for Michigan Tech. I believe this is a key piece in positioning our university to fully embrace our new R1 status and I thank all of you in the room that are working to help us to establish this.

Earlier this year, we talked about 2026 being a year of "change management." But, as I think about our time as Michigan Tech, every year has been a year of change as we grow and advance in significant ways. And we all fully know the heavy lift for making changes, but by doing so, we have an established record of being an agile university.

From the demographic cliff, international graduate student we saw in January, to the federal funding policy changes, to the challenging state budgets, we are all aware of the challenges confronting higher education over the next few years. But it is in this environment that our agility serves us well.

As always, thank you for your service to the university. I appreciate all you done to make this a great institution, thank you.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Dr. Sarah Green, Emerita Professor, spoke regarding her views on the current Presidential administration, especially focusing on Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by A. Dickson, supported by M. Johnson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Degrees in Course



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr Richard J Koubek  
Office of the President

**From:** Theresa Jacques  
Registrar's Office

**Date:** Feb 6, 2026

**Subject:** Candidates for Degree – Conferral Term 202508

The attached list of candidates for degrees, beginning with Logan David Alchin and ending with Cong Yu is submitted for the granting of the appropriate degrees by the Board of Trustees. I certify that these candidates meet all requirements for their respective degrees and that the names have been submitted to and have received the approval of the faculty from their major department.

Theresa Jacques  
Registrar

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## Michigan Technological University Degrees Awarded for Conferral Term 202508

Michigan Technological University Registrar's Office February 4, 2026

### Associate of Science in Engineering

- Logan David Alchin - Magna Cum Laude
- Charlie Benjamin Corey
- Shaney Patrice Czyzio - Cum Laude
- Mariana Fairchild - Magna Cum Laude
- Casey James Farnsworth
- Devon Lewis Flanery - Summa Cum Laude
- Owen Fischer Gorter
- Braydon David Russell Oglesby

### Bachelor of Arts in English

- Ayana Sofia - Magna Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Arts in Sound Design

- Annabel M Alexiev - Cum Laude
- Keagan James Benjamin - Magna Cum Laude
- Zachary Ryan Brouckman
- Angelica Rose Gecosky - Cum Laude
- Evan A Meyer - Cum Laude
- Jayden Michael Palarz
- Jack Bruno Francis Ramone Summers
- Isaac Jake Vandermyde

### Bachelor of Science in Accounting

- Brynn Ashli Rose Beaulieu
- Brooke Adelle Miller
- Raymond Emmanuel Naasko
- Paul Arne Sturos
- Rachel Grace Szczepanski - Summa Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

- Shelby Christine Fisher - Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Science in Applied Ecology and Environmental Sciences

- Connor Nicholas Gordon
- Grace H Moeggenborg - Summa Cum Laude

- Zoe Quinn Riordan - Magna Cum Laude
- Talia Claire Servant - Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics**

- Joshua David Rolfe - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Audio Production and Technology**

- Amelia Viola Creamer
- Caleb Scott Faust

**Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

- Zane C Rutledge
- Lydia Faith Schroeder \*\*\*
- Bradley Joseph Sorrentino - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering**

- Simon James Arnold - Magna Cum Laude
- Emily Morgan Breton
- Jaden E Fus
- Jamie Lee Greenley
- Kiley Faith Long
- Mckenna Nicole Seidl - Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering**

- Holly Christina Flores
- Taylor M Wenten - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Chemistry**

- Christina Kathleen Robertson
- Joseph M Sipple

**Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering**

- Travis John Asiala - Cum Laude
- Treyton William Atkinson
- Kaitlyn Paige Bickham - Cum Laude
- Solomon Roy Boerschinger
- Jason Joseph Bradford
- Sara Rachel Dancy
- Daniel Lee Dani - Cum Laude
- Corina Hope Kailing
- Johnathon Andrew Kocis
- Thomas Joseph Mackesy - Summa Cum Laude
- Jacob M Nabozny
- Isaac Daniel Parker

- Lukas Adam Pfau - Cum Laude
- Nicholas Jacob Pound - Summa Cum Laude
- Brandon M Seiter
- Matthew Henry Switzer
- James David Taylor - Cum Laude
- Elena M Umlauf
- Isaac Robert Vander Meer - Cum Laude
- Kate Ruth Vizanko - Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Computational Biology**

- Connor Patrick Read Donahue - Summa Cum Laude
- Caden James McCloskey

**Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering**

- Dylan Theodore Bryant
- Carter Dugan
- Kyle Jay Hildebrand
- Devin Michael Kent
- Chethan James Magnan - Cum Laude
- Ryan Cole McKendry - Summa Cum Laude
- Paul Michael Stasiuk
- Sawyer E Wheeler
- Deshawn Williams

**Bachelor of Science in Computer Network and System Administration**

- Colin Jacob Hartgers - Summa Cum Laude
- Jacob J Meyers

**Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**

- Mackenzie Drake Abercrombie - Magna Cum Laude
- Seamus J Barry
- Hayden Edward Baus
- Callen H Carrier - Magna Cum Laude
- Nolan Anthony Casey - Cum Laude
- Oliver C Delancey
- Michael William Golden
- Joseph John Halcombe
- Craig Daniel Halonen - Cum Laude
- Matthew Harrelson - Summa Cum Laude
- Dylan Alexander Hojnoski - Summa Cum Laude
- Kyle R Jarvis

- Ethan Lisle Jones
- Kirsten Elizabeth Love - Cum Laude
- Lucas McDermitt
- John Michael McDevitt
- Rayna Sophia Miller - Cum Laude
- Owen Walker Morrow
- Juniper Mae Overweg
- Hana F Parker - Cum Laude
- Jesse Lawrence Perry - Magna Cum Laude
- Brendan Joseph Powers
- Noah J Provenzola - Cum Laude
- Liam Tatsunobu Shahid - Summa Cum Laude
- Brendan Mathew Singer - Cum Laude
- Matthew Sporman
- Kaira Michelle Stricklin - Summa Cum Laude
- Benjamin Douglas Sutton
- Aidan James Sweeney
- Luke John Vidlund
- Allen Joseph Wadeen
- Avery J Wegner
- Alexandra Elaine Woodby
- Emma Marie Yasenachak

**Bachelor of Science in Construction Management**

- Ethan Quay Anderson - Cum Laude
- Rachel Ehrin Blaine
- Christian David Dahnke
- Jaden R Dietz
- Augustus J Krohn - Cum Laude
- Bryce Daniel Pietrantonio
- Giuseppe Pizzo
- Pedro E Sanchez
- Luke Richard Tennes
- Preston Miles Toutant - Cum Laude
- Aidan Webb
- Porter J Zeeman

**Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity**

- Giovanni Francis Bommarito - Cum Laude

- Alexander Jay Briggs - Cum Laude
- Wyatt Steven Davison
- Derek Edward Hildebrandt
- Cy B Honeycutt
- Christopher James Kloha - Magna Cum Laude
- Kurt Vincent May
- Alexander Schueneman
- Jacob Nathaniel Sines - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Data Science**

- Jacob Keller Brendemuehl

**Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**

- Lauren C Flierman - Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Economics**

- Joseph Gregory Donahue - Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering**

- Sarah Christian Baxter
- William Glenn Buchalski
- Kyle D Carlson
- Charlie Benjamin Corey
- Casey James Farnsworth
- Joshua Frazier - Cum Laude
- Brennen Michael Galli
- Alex Joseph Gutowski - Cum Laude
- Owen Wallace Hartwig - Magna Cum Laude
- Hunter Stone Indermuehle
- Niklas L Jernberg
- Carter T Kilpela - Magna Cum Laude
- Harrison J Lantis
- Aidan Denis Laskey
- James MacNaughton Lovell
- Zachary W Maitrejean
- Austin Jean McDonald
- Nicholas Patrick McHugh
- Anton E Micek
- Jack C Mozdierz
- Alex James Olson - Magna Cum Laude
- Nicholas Paul Pierce - Cum Laude

- Thomas Drew Powell
- Luc Maksim Prisby
- Rickey James Retelny
- Joseph Raymond Rezler - Magna Cum Laude
- Emily Marie Roth
- Cole K Ruid
- William Ryan Schober - Cum Laude
- Matthew Micheal Shinavier
- Tyler M Sweet - Magna Cum Laude
- Matthew Charles Teltow
- Beaumont R Ujlaky
- Jarrett Paul VanDeRiet
- Martin D Wilkens

**Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology**

- Caleb James Jahncke
- Paige Alexandra Ludwig
- Ryan Gregory Melen
- Ian M Waite
- Andrew James Westphal

**Bachelor of Science in Engineering**

- Connor Bryan Paugh
- Abby L Schuiling

**Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management**

- Hayden Robert Baker
- William Stanton Gruits
- David Lee Jukkala

**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering**

- Chance David Adair
- Sean Michael Byrne - Cum Laude
- Riley L Krause - Magna Cum Laude
- Brandon John Norkol
- Joseph K Pierzynski
- Abigail Elisabeth Sanford
- Lauren Nicole Sayles - Magna Cum Laude
- Irelynn Victoria St. Louis - Magna Cum Laude
- Carter Paul Zawacki - Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Sustainability**

- Bryan A Horning
- Morgan Faye Warnke

**Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science**

- Trudy J Anderson - Magna Cum Laude
- Rese Lilian Elza - Cum Laude
- Shannon J Eskola - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Finance**

- Dean Michael Billeck - Cum Laude
- Ethan James Haynes
- Elijah R Joseph
- Daniel Joseph Zweng - Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Forestry**

- Cole Alexa
- Maddie Brooke Allen
- Nathan Thomas Hill - Magna Cum Laude
- Travis John Houle
- Joseph Curtis Mickevich

**Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering**

- Luke Anthony Mariuzza - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Geology**

- Carl David Rich
- Kiera Rose Watson

**Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Engineering**

- Jason Joseph Bradford
- Wesley Charles Reif - Magna Cum Laude
- Wesley Ehren Swigart - Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Human Biology**

- Nicholas Don Detterman - Summa Cum Laude
- Grace Elizabeth Hay - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Human Factors**

- Ethan James Deur
- Olivia Bonita O'Dwyer
- Raphaela Z Slager

**Bachelor of Science in Management**

- Andrew Thomas Covert
- Elka Noreen Frahm - Summa Cum Laude

- Braydon David Russell Oglesby
- Larissa Mary Peterson

**Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems**

- Christian Dimartino Brown
- Dylan Anthony Diaz
- Connor Lawrence Harrell
- Donovan M Korth

**Bachelor of Science in Marketing**

- Matthew Steven Herniman
- Kalle E Keranen - Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering**

- Kevin Michael Barnhart
- Kyler K Esselink
- Chase E Henderson - Cum Laude
- Owen James Knox
- Leo David Sauter
- Emily Robin Shupp
- Corey C Voelker - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Mathematics**

- Emma Jean Anderson
- Eli R DeWitt - Summa Cum Laude
- Mason J Moran
- Michael Benedict Wichers - Summa Cum Laude
- Mccoy Vaughn Ziehl - Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

- Logan David Alchin - Magna Cum Laude
- Caleb Woodrow Allington - Cum Laude
- Nigel R Allum - Cum Laude
- Julian Josef Arens
- Logan P Barrett - Cum Laude
- Zachary Jakub Brewer
- Kurtis Josef Bronz - Magna Cum Laude
- Nathan James Cleaver - Summa Cum Laude
- Isabelle Brooks Cloose
- Nicholas John Cocciemiglio
- Brandon Garrett Collins - Magna Cum Laude
- Seth J Collins

- Roman Xavier Colon - Magna Cum Laude
- Evan Michael Cronin
- Katherine Elizabeth Cusumano - Magna Cum Laude
- Zachary Timothy Dassance
- Mark Davey
- Dhruva Dayal - Magna Cum Laude
- Gavin Louis Derwin
- Cameron Donald Desautels
- Connor McKinley Dinkelman - Cum Laude
- Carter Merrick Elmy
- Noah Korbin Eskelinen
- Bailie Blair Falla
- Jacob Calvin Foster
- Asher Tysman France
- Kaitlyn Elizabeth Frydrychowicz
- Gabriela Ibeth Guevara
- Bruce Charles Halonen
- Karl J Halonen - Cum Laude
- Zachary C Hardy - Cum Laude
- Jesse Ford Henderson
- Alexander J Hepner
- Hali Naomi Horvath - Summa Cum Laude
- Jonathan Obert Hudrlik
- Drew Joseph Jaskowski - Summa Cum Laude
- Kyle Joseph Kaifesh
- Abigail M Kleinschmidt
- Karl R Knueppel
- Logan Connor Krisciunas
- Trevor Erik Kukkonen - Cum Laude
- Evan M La Violette - Magna Cum Laude
- Evan J Labyak
- Katelyn Marie Lammi - Magna Cum Laude
- Elliot Hyun Lee - Magna Cum Laude
- John Adrian Leys - Summa Cum Laude
- Mitchell J McCall - Cum Laude
- Alina V Membrillo
- Jose Carlos Membrillo

- Nicholas Patrick Merritt
- Grace Ella Meyer - Magna Cum Laude
- Jack Mitchell Miller - Magna Cum Laude
- Jason Brian Mulherin
- Hayden Francis Nigro
- Jared Michael Ott - Cum Laude
- Nathan Charles Passalacqua
- Anders Karl Peterson
- Ashley Lynn Petrie
- Gabe Chester Pietila - Cum Laude
- Daniel E Poulos
- Zachary Ramsey
- Owen John Resch - Magna Cum Laude
- Dylan A Romzek - Magna Cum Laude
- Nicholas Matthew Rudd
- Brandon Michael Scislowicz
- Nicholas Paul Southwick
- Benjamin Michael Stallard
- Matthew J Stawski - Magna Cum Laude
- Ryan K Sullivan \*\*
- Carinn Marie Tryon - Summa Cum Laude
- Riley Michael Van Zeeland
- Zachary Ryan Vitek
- Jacob Matthew Wainio - Magna Cum Laude
- Fisher J Weber
- Emily Renee Whiteman
- Collin Michael Wisniewski - Cum Laude
- Asher William Zeyl
- Jenna Lynn Ziemelis - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology**

- Noah Dean Bigelow
- Samuel Lee Currie - Magna Cum Laude
- Garrett J Gendjar
- Justin Tyler Hannah
- Alexander Joseph Hozeska
- Philip Carl Mankert
- Dolan Christopher Robin Moles

- Brayden Scott Podbregar
- Dawson Scott Poradzisz
- Adrian Yair Reyna
- Nathan John Rigby
- Myles Bryant Ruchty
- Easton W Skipinski - Cum Laude
- Jason Michael Wise

**Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics**

- John-Eliot Edgar Orr - Summa Cum Laude
- Nicholas Allen Webster

**Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science**

- Anna Marie Kingstrom \*
- Taylor Elaine Mayros \*
- Avery Marie McNally - Magna Cum Laude
- Chloe Mae Sundberg - Summa Cum Laude \*
- Analise Leva Walsh - Summa Cum Laude \*

**Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering**

- Matthew William Keebaugh

**Bachelor of Science in Physics**

- Lucas D Hetrick

**Bachelor of Science in Policy and Community Development**

- Grace Anne Murray - Summa Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering**

- Ethan Jong-Wook Choe
- Owen Eugene Crosby
- Dane Michael Sprague

**Bachelor of Science in Scientific and Technical Communication**

- Clare Kelley Buday - Magna Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences**

- Nathan Alexander Moore
- Zachary Logan Reule - Cum Laude

**Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering**

- Lucas Timothy Bohanon
- Sadamichi Alexander Konoya
- Valen Keith Kurmaniak
- Peter Laakso
- Evan McRae Meinz - Cum Laude

- Fatima Morera Lohr

Bachelor of Science in Sports and Fitness Management

- Ryan Steven Jones

Bachelor of Science in Sustainability Science and Society

- Morgan Leigh Majeske
- Isaiah Antoine Washington

Bachelor of Science in Theatre and Entertainment Technology

- Tara Niccole Estrada - Magna Cum Laude
- Iain James Krull

Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

- Sydni Ellen Hietala
- Evan Leigh Middag
- Kendra Jade Podbregar
- Annamarie Kathryn Wood - Summa Cum Laude

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering

- Grace Louise Dykstra

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

- Simahudeen Bathir Jaber Sathik Rifayee

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

- Yun Chu Hung

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

- Adrian Ali Moazzam

Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental and Energy Policy

- Josephine Amponsem
- Donald Larry Lee

Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Science

- Ryne Douglas Rutherford
- Emma Shedd
- Thi Mai Anh Tran

Doctor of Philosophy in Geology

- Gustavo Adolfo Bejar Lopez

Doctor of Philosophy in Geophysics

- Sananda Ray

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Heritage and Archaeology

- Larissa Ashley Juip

**Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering**

- Matthew Tevis Graham
- Emily Jeanne Miller

**Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematical Sciences**

- Hunter Philip Waldron

**Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering - Engineering Mechanics**

- Henry Issavi
- Benjamin Jewell
- Peterson Ngoc Thanh Nguyen
- Ashwin Karthik Purushothaman

**Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric, Theory and Culture**

- Ayodele James Akinola

**Master of Business Administration**

- Ethan John Champney
- Zachary D Chaudier
- Cooper J Evans
- Sonita Nkafu Fuankeh
- Yael Huber
- Blake Lewis
- Taylor Renee Shawhan
- Jack Christopher Works

**Master of Engineering Management**

- Purity Obegi Angwenyi
- Ahmed Jumui Sumoi Fomba
- Nicholas Gage Holman
- Bryant D Maki
- Elizabeth Anne Miller
- Favour Bright Ogiemwonyi
- Hallie M Olsen
- Nana Akosah Sarpong
- Shannon Smith

**Master of Forestry**

- Brendan Mcknight Sommer
- Michael Jacob Yuchasz

**Master of Geographic Information Science**

- Yawar Azizi

- Jacob James Beem
- Elorm Adjoa Gomli
- Angela Ankamah Ankamah Mensah
- Gabriel Clayton Wymer

Master of Science in Accounting and Analytics

- Derrick Ayisi
- Madelyn E Carey
- Patrick N Kastner

Master of Science in Applied Cognitive Science and Human Factors

- Jennifer Drewyor
- Liam Gabriel Houston
- Andrew Edward Lee

Master of Science in Applied Ecology

- Lilian Marie Heinzl

Master of Science in Applied Statistics

- Victor Apatu
- Isabella Deveau
- Raymond Darnell Lemon
- Jordan Martel
- Christopher Todd Metcalf
- Heather Elaine Schulz
- Stefano Subauste
- Hannah Joy Swickheimer

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering

- Khadiza Tun Suha

Master of Science in Chemical Engineering

- Daniel Amponsah-Berko
- Vincent Bailey Arohunmolase
- Natalia Krakhaleva
- Richard Kofi Oboh

Master of Science in Chemistry

- Kwame Ansah Amponsah
- Omowunmi Rebecca Aworinde

Master of Science in Civil Engineering

- Mark Squire Augustine
- Fernando Cova-Gomez
- Jennifer Robinson Frakes

- Angelle J Gilbert
- James Robert Huey
- Irene Ibyishaka
- Carmenia Blessed Kamah
- Pascal Pouokam Wabo Defo
- Nadia Faith Stauffer
- Craig Patrick Tacey

**Master of Science in Computer Science**

- Venkata Gowthami Bevara
- Daniel Thomas Masker
- Uday Sagar Reddy Meka
- Timothy L Perr
- Harika Vajrala

**Master of Science in Data Science**

- Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Alla
- Bhanu Prakash Bapatla
- Kepha Wasike Barasa
- Rakesh Chaganam
- Karthik Kumar Cholleti
- Vineeth Karjala
- Chadwick Kota
- Juezhu Long
- Sana Mahamadgous Patekari
- Divy Tejasbhai Patel
- Saket Mahendra Pawar
- Timothy L Perr
- Nandhika Rajmanikandan
- Rahul Sajith
- Manoj Kumar Surabhi
- Sumanth Reddy Thandra
- Shubham Girdhari Tiwari
- Surya Gowtham Vakkalagadda
- Ganesh Vannam
- Paul Weiss

**Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering**

- Vishrut Chokshi
- Dewan Mabrur Hasan Chowdhury

- Anton Michael Dodak
- Jeffrey Lee Flegal
- Charmaine Sarudzai Gwanza
- Jonathan Kuncheria Joseph
- Carl Eric Kangas
- Michael Joseph Marshall
- Sheila Owusu Appiah
- Rishin Patra
- David Sanchez Millan
- Matthew Sutter

Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

- Eunice Pentil Larbi
- Eli W Smyth

Master of Science in Environmental and Energy Policy

- Esther Nyamekye Acheampong
- Mercedes Nana Yaa Egyiriba Rowe Asamani

Master of Science in Forest Ecology and Management

- Kathleen Elizabeth Bershing
- Leena Nathir Rawashdeh

Master of Science in Geological Engineering

- Akintunde Stephen Samakinde

Master of Science in Geology

- Rolla Asiedu
- Seth Andrew Farmer

Master of Science in Health Informatics

- Uttam Kumar Bellamkonda
- Sucharitha Reddy Dammareddygar
- Varshitha Reddy Davarapalli
- Rashmitha Eri
- Saketha Kusu
- Dennis Owusu
- Sesha Sai Ramineni
- Karunakar Uppalapati
- Aakash Tatoba Walavalkar
- Suhani Yalaga

Master of Science in Industrial Heritage and Archaeology

- Jenna Marie Messer

- Emma Rachel Wuepper

**Master of Science in Integrated Geospatial Technology**

- Sara Lynn Fitzgibbon
- Tu Thanh Tran

**Master of Science in Kinesiology**

- Kaitlyn Maxwell

**Master of Science in Manufacturing Engineering**

- Gustave Bortey
- Bright Frimpong
- Keegan Calhoun McInerney

**Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering**

- Seth Allen Eacker
- Skylar William Patten

**Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences**

- Kamilu Adewale Adedokun
- Faria Tasnim

**Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

- Folagbade Adetoye
- Divya Bandoju
- Yagel Belikoff
- Rohit Madhav Bhilave
- Parikshit Ravindra Gadpayle
- Choodamani Chandana Gurrarn
- Bryce Maxwell Hudson
- Owen Thomas Jarvela
- Benjamin Jewell
- Christopher Thomas Johnson
- Rahul Srikanth Kandi
- Jyothi Sathwik Koluprolu
- Aishwarya Kotra
- Surya Teja Kudikala
- Nikhil Chandrashekhar Kulkarni
- Soham Sachin Kulkarni
- Samuel T Marshall
- Eamon Leo McClintock
- Umar Mustafa
- Pavan Krishna Nutakki

- Elijah Miguel Sierra
- Samuel R Simon
- Manideep Veeramalla

Master of Science in Mechatronics

- Maurice Osaro Idemudia
- Innocent Mateyaunga
- Hemanth Munireddy
- Balaji Nammalvar
- Varun Chandra Kumar Chandra Kumar Pathuri

Master of Science in Mining Engineering

- Elijah Dosapati
- Kudakwashe Tariro Mutanga

Master of Science in Physics

- Daniel John Watson
- Cong Yu

\* Addendum to Conferral: Degree awarded for term 202505

\*\* Addendum to Conferral: Degree awarded for term 202501

\*\*\* Addendum to Conferral: Degree awarded for term 202405

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFF-PAYROLL REPORT  
(November 16, 2025 – January 31, 2026)**

C. Resignations, Retirements, and Off-Payroll

| Retirements |         |       |                           |   |                       |            |
|-------------|---------|-------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------|
| Last        | First   | Class | Department                | Job Title   | Most Recent Hire Date | Term Date  |
| England     | Ramona  | PF    | Keweenaw Research Center  | Senior Research Security Specialist               | 01/26/2015            | 01/30/2026 |
| Zei         | David   | PF    | Van Pelt and Opie Library | Senior Building Operations & Safety Coordinator   | 07/31/1997            | 01/30/2026 |
| Booth       | Gregory | PF    | IT Operations             | Senior System Administrator & Technical Team Lead | 07/26/2004            | 01/31/2026 |
| Halonen     | Eric    | PF    | Office of Advancement     | Assistant Vice President for Principal Gifts      | 02/12/2006            | 01/31/2026 |

| Off Payroll           |                   |       |   |  |                       |            |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|---|--|-----------------------|------------|
| Last                  | First             | Class | Department                                    | Job Title  | Most Recent Hire Date | Term Date  |
| Bardo                 | Zachary           | AF    | Wadsworth Hall Food Service                   | Food Service Helper  | 01/08/2024            | 10/15/2025 |
| Corpuz                | Chester Waiterson | NP    | Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI)       | Assistant Research Engineer & Software Developer           | 05/13/2024            | 11/21/2025 |
| Chaudhry              | Sandeep Kumar     | PP    | Civil, Environmental & Geospatial Engineering | Postdoctoral Scholar                                       | 12/11/2023            | 11/29/2025 |
| Short                 | Paige             | PP    | Dean of Students/VP Student Affairs           | Associate Director of Communications                       | 01/02/2017            | 12/05/2025 |
| Humes                 | Emily             | PP    | Center for Student Mental Health & Wellbeing  | Student Wellness & Engagement Coordinator                  | 05/13/2024            | 12/06/2025 |
| Tefft de Munoz        | Cassy Paul        | PF    | Center for Educational Outreach               | Executive Director   | 06/17/2013            | 12/06/2025 |
| Pushue                | Paul              | AF    | Wadsworth Hall Food Service                   | Food Service Helper  | 12/08/2025            | 12/12/2025 |
| Khanmohammadi Hazaveh | Paniz             | FC    | Applied Computing                             | Associate Teaching Professor                               | 08/24/2017            | 12/19/2025 |
| LaTendresse           | Cassie            | UF    | Residence Housing                             | Senior Administrative Aide                                 | 06/30/2025            | 12/19/2025 |
| Craven                | Jordan            | PF    | Innovation & Commercialization                | Business Consultant  | 04/29/2024            | 12/31/2025 |
| Ahkin                 | Mary              | PF    | University Marketing & Communications         | College Marketing & Communications Manager                 | 08/04/2025            | 01/02/2026 |
| Schelly               | Chelsea           | FF    | Social Sciences                               | Professor  | 08/19/2013            | 01/02/2026 |
| Martin                | Alex              | AF    | Facilities Management                         | Custodian  | 07/24/2023            | 01/05/2026 |
| Dowd                  | Sarah             | PF    | General Athletics                             | Assistant Athletic Director, Counseling & Sport Psychology | 07/29/2019            | 01/09/2026 |
| Rawhouser             | Kaitlyn           | PF    | Center for Educational Outreach               | Coordinator  | 10/03/2022            | 01/16/2026 |
| Newman                | Carley            | UF    | Athletic/Recreation Complex Operations        | Office Assistant   | 10/28/2024            | 01/19/2026 |
| Goke                  | Megan             | PF    | Human Resources                               | Manager of Staff Employment                                | 09/26/2016            | 01/20/2026 |

**Michigan Technological University Michigan Tech Fund**

**D. Funding Productivity Report**

**Fundraising Productivity Report**  
Fiscal Year 2026 through 12/31/2025  
Compared to Prior Fiscal Year

| Source                        | FY 2026             |            |                   | FY 2025             |            |                   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|
|                               | YTD Total           | Adjustment | FY Goal % of Goal | YTD Total           | Adjustment | FY % of Goal Goal |
| Major Gifts (Over 10K)        | \$4,379,645         |            | 4.80              | \$2,659,507         |            | 4.68              |
| Planned Gift Commitments      | \$18,224,003        |            | 15.89             | \$11,957,095        |            | 15.50             |
| Annual Giving (10K or less)   | \$1,076,024         |            | 2.49              | \$1,129,035         |            | 2.43              |
| <i>Subtotal: Ind Giving</i>   | \$23,679,673        |            | 23.18             | \$15,745,637        |            | 22.61             |
| Corporate Giving              | \$1,497,079         |            | 2.62              | \$1,356,233         |            | 2.56              |
| Foundation & Other Org Giving | \$1,065,374         |            | 5.13              | \$1,566,769         |            | 5.00              |
| Corporate Sponsored Research  | \$7,265,331         |            | 14.09             | \$7,866,106         |            | 13.75             |
| <b>FUNDRAISING TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$33,507,457</b> |            | <b>45.02</b>      | <b>\$26,534,745</b> |            | <b>60%</b>        |

## **VII. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **VII-A. EMERITUS RANK**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the following emerita and emeritus appointments:

1. Dr. Mari Windsor Buche, Professor Emerita, College of Business
2. Dr. Gary L. Campbell, Professor Emeritus, College of Business
3. Dr. Sonia Goltz, Professor Emerita, College of Business

It was moved by A. Dickson, supported by M. Johnson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the following emeritus appointment:

### **VII-B. ESTABLISH DEPARTMENT OF DATA SCIENCE IN THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTING**

Early in its conception, the College of Computing identified data science as a key component of its growth strategy. Since that time, the College has been working to unify its data science and informatics programs and faculty, which are currently spread across the other two departments within the College. The creation of the Department of Data Science under the umbrella of the College of Computing establishes a dedicated "responsibility center" that moves beyond the limitations of interdepartmental collaborations. This centralized structure allows the University to focus on increasing enrollment and research in the areas of data science, health informatics, and artificial intelligence—all areas with strong potential for growth. Approval of the Board of Trustees is required to form a new department at Michigan Technological University.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the formation of a new Department of Data Science within the College of Computing.

It was moved by M. Johnson, supported by S. Tomaszewski, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the creation of Department of Data Science.

## **VII- C. ELIMINATION OF SHELVED PROGRAMS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the elimination of the following PhD programs.

- PhD in Engineering – Geotechnical Engineering (EPD3)
  - shelved through Senate proposal 19-19
- PhD in Engineering – Propulsion Systems Engineering (EPD6)
  - shelved through Senate proposal 21-19
- PhD in Engineering – Sensing and Signal Processing (EPD4)
  - shelved through Senate proposal 22-19
- PhD in Engineering – Structural Engineering (EPD1)
  - shelved through Senate proposal 23-19

It was moved by J. Littmann, supported by A. Dickson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the elimination of the following shelved programs.

## **VII-D. APPROVAL OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION**

In a vote of the Undergraduate Student Government body, revisions to their constitution passed September 15, 2025. The revisions, as presented here, were introduced to the Board's Academic Affairs Committee December 11, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the Undergraduate Student Government's Constitution.

It was moved by A. Dickson, supported by M. Johnson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the revisions to the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution.

**VII-E. FY27 ROOM AND BOARD AND APARTMENT RENTAL RATES**

Today, we present the recommended rates for Michigan Tech's residential and dining portfolio for the 2027 fiscal year. Considering the costs necessary to continue delivering an exceptional residential living experience, these rates have been carefully curated and reviewed by multiple stakeholders.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve the residence hall housing rates, meal plan rates, and apartment rental rates for FY27.

It was moved by S. Tomaszewski, supported by S. Wayne, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves 2026-2027 Room and Board Rates

**Residence Hall Student Housing and Dining Individual Rates 2026- 2027**

**Residence Halls**

Academic Year Occupancy Dates: August 23, 2026 - December 19, 2026 (16 weeks) and January 10, 2027 - May 1, 2027 (15 weeks)

| Room Types/Occupancy                                 | 2025-2026 Housing | Proposed Increase | 2026-2027 Housing | Percent Change |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Standard Room/Premium Meal Plan Combined Rate</b> | <b>\$ 13,609</b>  | <b>\$ 682</b>     | <b>\$ 14,291</b>  | <b>5.01%</b>   |

| <b>Wadsworth Hall, McNair Hall, Douglas Houghton Hall</b> |           |        |           |       |
|---|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Standard Occupancy (Double/Quad)                          | \$ 7,595  | \$403  | \$ 7,998  | 5.31% |
| Single Occupancy  | \$ 9,610  | \$ 496 | \$ 10,106 | 5.16% |
| Deluxe Double   | \$ 8,618  | \$ 372 | \$ 9,083  | 5.40% |
| Triple (Not offered in FY2026)                            | -         | -      | \$ 7,192  | -     |
| Double Occupancy Private Bath                             | \$ 8,711  | \$ 434 | \$ 9,145  | 4.98% |
| Single Occupancy Private Bath                             | \$ 10,881 | \$ 558 | \$ 11,439 | 5.13% |
| Temporary Housing   | \$ 6,200  | \$ 372 | \$ 6,572  | 6.00% |
| <b>East Hall</b>  |           |        |           |       |
| Double full suite (4 person)                              | \$ 10,106 | \$ 403 | \$ 10,602 | 4.91% |
| Single full suite (4 person)                              | \$ 11,594 | \$ 465 | \$ 12,152 | 4.81% |
| Double individual suite room (2 persons)                  | \$ 10,726 | \$ 527 | \$ 11,253 | 4.91% |
| Single individual suite room (1 person)                   | \$ 12,121 | \$ 589 | \$ 12,710 | 4.86% |
| <b>Summer Term Residence Hall Rates - Weekly</b>          |           |        |           |       |
| Summer Weekly Single Occupancy, Shared Bath               | \$ 200    | \$ 10  | \$ 210    | 5.00% |
| Summer Weekly Single Occupancy, Private Bath              | \$ 227    | \$ 10  | \$ 237    | 4.41% |
| Summer Double Weekly Occupancy, Shared Bath               | \$ 147    | \$ 7   | \$ 154    | 4.76% |
| Summer Double Weekly Occupancy, Private Bath              | \$ 178    | \$ 8   | \$ 186    | 4.49% |

**Academic Year Meal Plans**

Academic Year Occupancy Dates: August 23, 2026 - December 19, 2026 (16 weeks) and January 10, 2027 - May 1, 2027 (15 weeks)

| Dining Plans  | 2025-2026 | Proposed Increase | 2026-2027 | Percent Change |
|---|-----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Standard Dining Plans</b>                          |           |                   |           |                |
| Premium Gold Unlimited                                | \$ 6,014  | \$ 279            | \$ 6,293  | 4.64%          |
| 19 Meal Plan  | \$ 5,797  | \$ 279            | \$ 6,076  | 4.81%          |
| 14 Meal Plan (second year+ residential students only) | \$ 5,425  | \$ 248            | \$ 5,673  | 4.57%          |
| 10 Meal Plan - (East hall only)                       | \$ 4,464  | \$ 217            | \$ 4,681  | 4.86%          |
| Summer - Dining Plan Rate (weekly rate)               | \$ 182    | \$ 8              | \$ 190    | 4.40%          |

**Independent Living-Apartments and Hillside Suites Dining Rates 2026-2027**

| Room Type   | 2025-2026 | Proposed Increase | 2026-2027 | Percent Change |
|---|-----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Monthly Daniell Heights Student Rates (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)</b>             |           |                   |           |                |
| One Bedroom   | \$ 940    | \$ 30             | \$ 970    | 3.19%          |
| Two Bedroom   | \$ 1,250  | \$ 40             | \$ 1,290  | 3.20%          |
| <b>Monthly Daniell Heights University Employee Rates (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)</b> |           |                   |           |                |
| One Bedroom   | \$ 1,140  | \$ 35             | \$ 1,175  | 3.07%          |
| Two Bedroom   | \$ 1,410  | \$ 45             | \$ 1,455  | 3.19%          |
| <b>Academic year Hillside Place Apartments (Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 combined)</b>   |           |                   |           |                |
| Single Bedroom in Shared Apartment  | \$ 12,524 | \$ 558            | \$ 13,082 | 4.46%          |
| Single Bedroom Apartment  | \$ 13,485 | \$ 589            | \$ 14,074 | 4.37%          |

**Hillside Place Meal Plans**

| <b>Hillside Block Plans</b>                             |          |        |          |       |
|---|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| 150 Block Plan with \$150 Dining Dollars (per semester) | \$ 3,698 | \$ 178 | \$ 3,876 | 4.81% |
| 100 Block Plan with \$100 Dining Dollars (per semester) | \$ 2,496 | \$ 112 | \$ 2,608 | 4.49% |
| 75 Block Plan with \$75 Dining Dollars (per semester)   | \$ 1,896 | \$ 88  | \$ 1,984 | 4.64% |

**Factors influencing the 2026 Room & Board Rate Adjustment**

- This rate sheet is designed to sustain the current high-quality student experience and service levels across the housing and dining services provided by Residential Living.
- The proposed rates reflect updated cost assumptions necessary for a sustainable operating model, including facilities operational costs, debt service, insurance, cost of sales/food, and workforce costs, including an increase in the fringe rate—allowing the institution to maintain program quality without deferring maintenance or reducing services.
- These rates maintain competitive positioning among peer institutions while continuing to deliver strong value and preserving student choice and affordability through a range of housing options at varied price points, including competitively adjusted apartment-style rates.

**VIII. REPORTS (presentations provided in agenda)**

- A. Translational Biomedical Engineering Presentation**  
Smitha Rao, Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering
- B. Undergraduate Student Government**  
Ford Schoonover, President
- C. Graduate Student Government**  
Lauren Sprague, President
- D. University Senate**  
Robert Hutchinson, President

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (documents provided in agenda)**

- A. Analysis of Investments**
- B. Sponsored Programs**
- C. Advancement & Alumni Relations**
- D. Media Coverage**
- E. Employee Safety Statistics**
- F. Disposal of Surplus Property**
- G. Contracts over \$500,000**

**X. Other Business**

**XI. Date for Next Formal Meeting: April 24, 2026**

**XII. Adjourn**

It was moved by S. Wayne, supported by M. Johnson, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting.

  
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Secretary to the Board of Trustees

  
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Chair, Board of Trustees

