

University Senate

To: Board of Control
From: Rudy Luck, University Senate President
Re: University Senate Report
Date: December 9, 2011

- Various presentations in the Senate this fall
- Senate Research Policy Survey
- University Committee reports
- Proposals
- Sense of Senate Resolution on HB 4770

Presentations

Award winners

- 2011 Michigan Tech Research Award Winner - Dr. Chandrashekhar Joshi
- Michigan Tech 2011 Teaching Award Recipient: Dr. Brian Barkdoll
- Michigan Tech 2011 Teaching Award Recipient: Mr. Michael Meyer

Presentations

Informational

- Carl Walker Report on Parking
- Enrollment Statistics: by John Lehman
- Technology-Rich Teaching/Learning Environment and Campus Support Systems Task Force” by a team
- Progress of the IT consolidation by CIO Walter Milligan

Presentations

Business related

2012 Health Benefit Changes by Renee Hiller

-increase in health care costs:

Of the projected \$833,000 increase, employees will contribute \$754,000 or **90.52%** of the cost.

-various changes in the sick leave policy

Presentations

Creating the future!

- Update on AQIP Projects by Associate Provost Christa Walck
- 2035 Vision and Enrollment Target Discussion by Provost Max Seel
- Graduate Program by Provost Max Seel
- Graduate Student Fee Differential by Dr David Reed

Senate Research Policy Committee survey

- 1) What measures could be implemented by the Administration to help you become more research active (please be specific).
- 2) Of the measures that are already in place, what have you found useful (please be specific)?

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
ATHLETIC COUNCIL	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC TENURE, PROMOTION, AND REAPPOINTMENT (CATPR)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
FACULTY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
FACULTY REVIEW COMMITTEE	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
MICHIGAN TECH ENTERPRISE CORPORATION	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
MISCONDUCT IN RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, AND CREATIVE ENDEAVORS INQUIRY COMMITTEE	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SABBATICAL LEAVE COMMITTEE	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In the 2010/2011 academic year, there were a total of sixteen COI cases resolved through mitigation by the COI Coordinator and Committee. Most all of these conflicts were category IV activities. There were a total of twenty five COI disclosures and mitigations reported by the Department Chairs and Deans. These COI activities were primarily Category II and a few Category III activities with consulting and travel away from the university being the most prevalent activities. No institutional conflicts of Interest were reported or mitigated during this time. All paperwork related to COI reporting and mitigation was electronically data based and submitted Joanne Polzien.

The COI committee members are Yu Cai (2011), Brenda Helminen (2012), and Aparna Pandey (2013). During the past year the COI committee met on the most serious Category IV COIs, with the exception of a few which were done by internet communication.

Faculty Review Committee

Academic Year 2010-2011

The Faculty Review Committee did not meet at all during this academic year.

Proposals

2011-2012 Senate Proposals

Proposal # and Title	Date Received in Senate Office	Committee Referral and Date	Senate Floor Introduction	Senate Result	Administrative Response
1-12 : "Proposal to Modify Senate Policy 413.1: Accelerated Master's Program "	09/19/11	Curricular Policy Committee 09/19/11	09/21/11	Approved by Senate w/friendly & clarifying amendments 10/05/11	Approved by Admin with grammatical clarifications 10/21/11 Senate approved clarifications 11/02/11
2-12 : "Graduate Appeals of Suspension or Dismissal"	09/19/11	Instructional Policy 09/19/11	09/21/11	Approved by Senate 10/05/11	Approved by Admin 10/21/11
3-12 : "Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal "	09/19/11	Instructional Policy 09/19/11	09/21/11	Approved by Senate w/clarifying amendment 10/05/11	Approved by Admin with clarifications 10/21/11 Senate approved clarifications 11/02/11
4-12 : "Graduate Scholastic Standards "	09/19/11	Instructional Policy 09/19/11	09/21/11	Approved by Senate 10/05/11	Approved by Admin with grammatical suggestion 20/21/11 Senate approved clarifications 11/02/11
5-12 : "Graduate Grievances "	09/19/11	Instructional Policy 09/19/11	09/21/11	Approved by Senate w/clarifying amendments 10/05/11	Approved by Admin 10/21/11

On Proposal 1-12:

- Mechanical Engineering - Engineering Mechanics has proposed a plan for Accelerated BS/MS degrees for Plan A (thesis) and Plan B (report) students

Proposals, contd.

<u>6-12:</u> "Proposal for a non-departmental <u>Ph.D</u> Program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB)"	09/21/11	Curricular Policy Committee 09/21/11	10/05/11	Approved by Senate 11/02/11	Approved by Admin 11/11/11
<u>7-12:</u> "Master's Program in Biomedical Engineering "	09/21/11	Curricular Policy Committee 09/21/11	10/05/11	Approved by Senate 11/02/11	Approved by Admin 11/11/11
<u>8-12:</u> "Master of Science in Medical Informatics"	09/30/11	Curricular Policy Committee 09/30/11	11/02/11	Approved by Senate 11/16/11	
<u>9-12:</u> "Proposal for a New Bachelor's Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Physics"	10/12/11	Curricular Policy & Finance Committee 10/12/11	11/02/11		
<u>10-12:</u> "Proposal for a New Bachelor's Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Physics with a Concentration in Secondary Education"	10/12/11	Curricular Policy & Finance Committee 10/12/11	11/02/11		
f-12: "SFRES Charter"	11/04/11	Provost 11/04/11			
g-12: "BME Charter"	10/16/11	Provost 10/16/11			
<u>Sense of Senate Resolution</u>	11/02/11	Executive Committee 11/02/11	11/02/11	Approved by Senate 11/16/11	

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University
“SENSE OF SENATE RESOLUTION”

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University registers its strong opposition to the Michigan House of Representatives Bill HB-4770 in that it disallows the existing provision by a public employer of medical and other fringe benefits for domestic partners.

On the bases of the following:

1. The Michigan Supreme Court’s 1999 decision of Federated Publications Inc v Board of Trustees of MSU, “legislation that clearly infringes on the university’s education or financial autonomy must therefore yield to the university’s constitutional power.”
2. Statements on current University’s employment applications, “Michigan Tech is also an ADVANCE institution, one of a select number of universities in receipt of NSF funds in support of our commitment to increase diversity and the participation and advancement of women in STEM. Michigan Technological University is an Equal Opportunity Educational Institution / Equal Opportunity Employer. ”
3. The Strategic Plan and Goals of our University,
“GOAL 1: Attract, retain, and support a world-class and diverse faculty, staff, and student population.
 - 1.1 Provide an outstanding professional and cultural environment for all members of the Michigan Tech community.
 - provide competitive compensation, recognize, and reward successful faculty and staff;
 - 1.2 Cultivate a diverse, inclusive, and collegial environment.
 - develop and implement campus and unit initiatives to increase diversity;GOAL 3: Establish world-class research, scholarship, innovation, and creative work that promotes sustainable economic and social development in Michigan, the nation, and the world.”