MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 42
OF THE
SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

6 November 1968

(Senate Minute pages: 369-382)

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday November 6, 1968, in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union, Senate President M.W. Bredekamp presiding.

The roll was taken. 26 members were present. Members absent were Boyd (AL), Erbisch (BL), Oswald (EE), Polich (Army ROTC), Johnson (Ford Forestry).

Minutes of Meeting No. 41

A correction was noted in paragraph under Other New Business, The Senate is not obligated to report annually to the faculty. Senator Price indicated only that he approved of the idea. The minutes of Meeting No. 41 were approved as corrected.

Senate President's Report

A. Meeting dates: No objections to the previously suggested meeting dates were received by the council; therefore, the following schedule will stand:

   Winter Term, 1969 - January 22 and February 19
   Spring Term, 1969 - April 16 and May 14

B. Senate History

   President Bredekamp reviewed the history and previous actions of the Senate. A document containing this information was submitted for inclusion in the minutes and is contained in Appendix A. (Available by Request from the Senate Office)

C. Management Advisory Committee

   President Bredekamp reported that the President of the Senate has been invited by Dr. Smith to "sit in" on this committee.

D. Conflict of Interest Policy

   President Bredekamp requested that the Michigan State Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1968 be entered into the Senate minutes so that anyone wishing to compare the University Conflict of Interest Policy with the State Law may have a convenient reference. This document is contained in Appendix B (Available by Request from the Senate Office)

E. Presidential Advisory Committees

   President Smith requested that President Bredekamp appoint members of the Senate to several committees. Appointments were made as follows:

   University Parking Study Committee: G.E. Bahrman and V.W. Johnson
   Student Behavior Policy Committee: W. Lucier and G.J. Caspary
   Retirement System Investigation Committee: W.E. Barstow and D.H. Kenny

F. President Bredekamp's report was accepted by voice vote without dissent.

Old Business

A. Resolutions Committee Report

   Senator Halkola reported that the committee had prepared a citation for Professor Gilbert W. Boyd to commend him for his years of service as Secretary of the Senate. He reported also that a transistor radio had been purchased as a token expression of gratitude. Senator Halkola read the citation as follows:

   CITATION
   from
THE FACULTY SENATE  
MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY  

to  

PROFESSOR GILBERT W. BOYD  

Whereas, Professor Gilbert W. Boyd as Secretary of the Faculty Senate of Michigan Technological University has rendered long, faithful, and unusually capable service to the Senate and through it to the general faculty and to the entire institution; and  

Whereas, He has discharged all duties, great and small in a particularly exemplary manner, thereby adding considerably to the effective impact of the Faculty Senate; and  

Whereas, He has contributed considerably to building and maintaining interest in the affairs of the Senate, notably through his recorded minutes of the meetings, until he has become a veritable "voice of the Faculty Senate;" and  

Whereas, He now has found it necessary to retire from his demanding position which he has filled so well for years,  

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate, speaking on behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Michigan Technological University, recognize and commend this meritorious service by extending to Professor Gilbert W. Boyd our sincere appreciation; and  

Be it further resolved that as an expression of our collective gratitude an appropriate token of our esteem accompany this citation.  

Adopted by the Faculty Senate of Michigan Technological University on the sixth day of November, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, A.D.  

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  

A formal motion was made to adopt the Citation, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent of the Senate.  

B. Senate Procedural Committee Motion (p. 357)  

President Bredekamp read the motion from Minutes No. 41:  

That the word "proposal" as used in Senate By-Laws 5 and 6 (Senate minutes 255) shall be construed to comprise only those formally moved Senate actions involving major considerations, such as (a) recommendations to University Administration, (b) measures affecting organization or primary procedures of the Senate, (c) formal definitions of Senate policy, or (d) establishment of Senate standing committees.  

That the word "proposal" as used in Senate By-Laws 5 and 6, shall be construed to exclude all operative motions and actions pursuant to the normal routines of a deliberative body, such as (a) moving appointment of, appointing, approving, or discharging ad hoc committees, (b) requesting, hearing, or accepting business and committee reports, (c) the volunteering or entertaining of fair comment by members of the Senate, or (d) any discussion or other disposition of motions which does not purport to effectuate major Senate consideration, similar to the examples of the preceding paragraph.  

And that, in the event of question, the presiding officer of the Senate shall be empowered to rule, subject to usual parliamentary controls, whether or not a motion constitutes a "proposal" within the meaning of Senate By-laws 5 and 6 as construed herein.  

The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.  

C. Grievance Committee - Procedures  

(Senate Proposal 1-69, p. 364)  

R.O. Keeling (Chairman) reported that the committee was studying a document from Central Michigan University that pertained to Grievance Procedures. This information was received just recently, and the committee did not have time to draft any changes to Proposal 1-69. A delay until the next meeting was requested.  

D. Curricular Policy Committee  

W. Freyberger reported that the committee plans to meet weekly and has met twice thus far since reorganization. He submitted a list of projects currently being considered by the committee. No final action has been taken on any of the projects thus far. This document is contained in Appendix C (Available by Request from the Senate Office).
The committee report was accepted by voice vote.

E. Instructional Policy Committee

R. Hennessy (Chairman) reported for the committee.

The committee has 21 specific requests for action, and some of these will be ready for presentation to the Senate at the next meeting. Specific items on which action will be proposed are:

1. Pass-Fail Option Policy
2. Exams during Homecoming
3. Procedures regarding dropping a course
4. Policy regarding exemptions from taking a course
5. Examinations during the quarter
6. Committee's philosophy on instructional policy

Action was reported on a request from the Department of the Air Force. This request asked for University participation in establishing the objectives of the Air Force ROTC education program. The Instructional Policy Committee deferred to the Curricular Policy Committee on this matter.

The report of the committee was approved by voice vote.

F. Committee on Sabbatical Leave

Annual Report to Senate. Professor S. Tidwell (Chairman) presented the following oral report:

During the 1967-68 academic year, the Sabbatical Leave Committee received and acted upon three 1968-69 applications. The committee recommended to the University President that one request for sabbatical leave be granted. At the last meeting of the Senate, President Smith reported that Michigan Tech's first sabbatical leave had been granted to Dr. Cleaves Byers. Pages 358-359 of the Senate Minutes contain the only changes or amendment to the sabbatical leave policy that has taken place during the 1967-68 year. Dr. Bredekamp has accepted appointment to the Sabbatical Leave Committee to replace Dr. George Young. The committee presently is composed of Dr. Bredekamp, Dr. Heldt, Dr. Keeling, Dr. Yerg, and me. I would like to express my appreciation to Professor Thayer for the comments that he has transmitted to the Sabbatical Leave Committee which are contained on page 360 of the minutes of the Senate. I distributed these comments to the committee and they are in process of consideration at this time.

The report of the Sabbatical Leave Committee was accepted by voice vote.

New Business

A. Patent Policy Committee

A motion was made to establish an ad hoc Patent Policy Committee. This committee would study those patent policies existing and under development.

The motion was defeated.

B. Student-Faculty-Senate Relations Committee

A motion was made to establish an ad hoc Student-Faculty-Senate Relations Committee. Charge to committee: Investigate relationship between faculty, students, and senate with regard to academic affairs at Michigan Technological University.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

C. Conflict of Interest Act

President Bredekamp asked for a motion to enter the Act into the minutes. The motion was made and approved by voice vote. (See Appendix B - Available by Request from the Senate Office)

D. Appointment of Parliamentarian

A motion was made that a Parliamentarian should be appointed for the Senate. The motion was amended to allow the President of the Senate to appoint the Parliamentarian. The amendment and the original motion were approved by voice vote.

E. Committee Appointments

A motion was made to accept the committee appointments as recommended by the President in this report. These
committee appointments are contained in Appendix D (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

The ad hoc committee on Senate Procedure was discharged with an expression of appreciation by President Bredekamp.

The committee appointments were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

G.P. Krueger
Senate Secretary