MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 64
OF THE
SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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Meeting No. 64 was called to order on Wednesday, May 24, 1972 at 7:05 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge by President W.E. Barstow.

The roll was called by the Secretary. Twenty-seven members or alternates were present. Absent were: Doane (MR), LaJeunesse (PE), Nordeng (GE), and Williams (CH).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 63 were approved with the following corrections: Page 731, second paragraph, change "p. 715" to "p. 721"; page 753 under item V, add "H. Instructional Evaluation."

Senate President's Report

A. The New Program Study Committee has been appointed. Members are: R.G. Mason, Chairman; J.R. Gale, K.R. Johnson, R.O. Keeling, L.L. Leifer, and R.K. Miller.

B. The Elections Procedure Committee has been appointed. Members are: C.L. DelliQuadri, Chairman; R.E. Greuer, and S.R. Price.

C. At his request, Vice President Weaver has been replaced as chairman of the Curricular Policy Committee. The new Chairman (effective May 8, 1972) is J.D. Spain.

Report on Meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Control

A. Halkola reported on the last three meetings of the Academic Council. His report is included here as Appendix A (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

B. Weaver reported on the April 21 Board of Control meeting. The following items were discussed:
   1. Curricular Changes
   2. Three Student Council Proposals
      a. Student Council President to be a non-voting member of the Board of Control. This was pointed out to be in variance with State statutes.
      b. Committee to propose guidelines for naming new buildings. President Smith will appoint such a committee.
      c. Theater facility. No State money available so it would have to be self-liquidating.
   3. Presentation by the President of the Alumni Association concerning the Alumni Association.
   4. St. Joseph's Community Hospital - will phase out the nurses' training program.

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy Committee:

   Spain reported that the committee had reviewed each of the programs mentioned in the Agenda. He then moved that the Senate pass the following resolution:

   The Senate Recommends the approval of the Electromechanical Engineering Technology Program.

   The motion was seconded, and the chair asked Professor Caspary to comment on the program. Caspary explained the need, level of sophistication involved, the availability of federal support, and the accreditation which would be requested after the first class graduates.

   After the discussion, the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

   Spain then moved that the Senate pass the following resolution:

   The Senate Recommends the approval of the program leading to the B.S. Degree in Social Sciences.
The motion was seconded and the chair asked Professor Hill to comment on this program. Following a brief discussion, 
the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Spain then moved that the Senate adopt the following resolution:

The Senate Recommends the approval of the program leading to the Associate Degree in General Studies.

The motion was seconded, and the chair asked Professor Powers to comment on this program. Powers pointed out that in reality this was not a new program but simply a means of recognizing a student's achievement at a less than baccalaureate level. He discussed the transfer credit advantages to the student who leaves Michigan Tech after two years. He pointed out that the availability of such a program would encourage many ex-science and ex-engineering students to remain and complete the requirements for the Associate Degree before transferring to another school. Following Powers' presentation a lengthy discussion of the program ensued. In particular, the sample programs for the "Undecided Engineer" and the "Student in Business" were causes for concern. The question of a baccalaureate department offering a non-baccalaureate degree arose. The major concern seemed to be that the Senate has never really considered where the University should stand on non-baccalaureate programs other than the technically-oriented programs as currently offered in the Applied Technology Department.

Barstow relinquished the chair to Weaver and then moved that the program be tabled until next fall. The motion to table 
failed by a vote of 12 Yes, 13 No.

The discussion continued along the same lines as before with many questions and expressions of concern.

Finally, Halkola moved that the program be returned to the Curricular Policy Committee with the particular charge to 
formulate a statement of what the University's stand should be on associate degree programs of this type. The motion 
was seconded and passed by a vote of 14 Yes, 10 No.

Spain then moved that the Senate adopt the following resolution:

The Senate Recommends that the program leading to the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing be approved subject to the following stipulation:

The program must be supported with federal and/or state funds above the normal budget in order to prevent encroachment on current programs.

Following a second, the chair asked Caspary to comment. He discussed the 50-year history of the program at St. 
Joseph's Community Hospital and the local need for such a program. He pointed out that nursing programs are very 
expensive and concurred with the committee's stipulation on funding.

Following a discussion of some of the funding problems and some of the course offerings proposed, the resolution 
passed by a voice vote. In response to a request from a Senator, a count was made and the resolution carried by a vote 
of 24 Yes, 1 No. This concluded the report of the Curricular Policy Committee.

B. Instructional Policy

Halkola stated that the only report he had would be in conjunction with the discussion on Proposals 11-72 and 12-72 
under "Old Business."

C. Elections:

Greuer reported the results of recent elections for Senators (both at-large and departmental). His report is included here 
as Appendix B (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

D. Elections Procedures: No report

E. Joint Faculty Association:

Ortner reported on two meetings of the committee. The most prominent question was whether Michigan Tech should join 
the Association of Michigan Collegiate Faculties. He stated the committee's intent to poll the faculty on this question 
during the coming academic year. His complete report is included here as Appendix C (Available by Request from the 
Senate Office).
F. New Program Study: No report

Spain questioned the appropriateness of the name of the committee and whether there should be coordination between it and the Curricular Policy Committee. President Barstow urged both the coordination and the selection of a more appropriate name.

G. Sick Leave:

Keeling reported that the inputs in the fall were incorporated into a new plan which was submitted to the most promising actuary (TIAA). Unfortunately, a recent policy change has resulted in this company's dropping any involvement with this plan whatsoever. This resulted in the need to contact other companies. Replies are currently being awaited.

In response to a question from Barstow, Keeling stated that he felt the committee should not be discharged and that he (Keeling) would like to finish the job even though his term as Senator is about to expire. Barstow agreed to retain him as the Chairman.

H. Instructional Evaluation:

Liba read a preliminary report which is included here as Appendix D (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Old Business

A. Secretary Horvath read a memo from President Smith regarding Proposals 1-72, 5-72, 6-72, and 7-72. The memo is included here as Appendix E (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

B. Horvath moved that Proposal 10-72 "Examination Scheduling" (page 754) be referred to the Instructional Policy Committee for consideration. In particular, he cited the following points:

1. Dr. Work has indicated that such a policy might interfere with quizzes given at the student's request as a part of a self-paced instruction course.
2. Graduating Seniors often have an option to take a final class exam during the last class meeting covering the last part of the course or to take a final exam in the course. This proposal, if implemented, would deny them that option.
3. Some instructors feel that the weekly (or even daily) quiz is an important pedagogical tool in certain types of courses. This proposal would conflict with the use of such a tool.
4. Finally, many faculty members simply feel that this would be an encroachment on their freedom to teach and evaluate progress in ways which they deem valid.

The motion to refer the proposal to the Instructional Policy Committee passed by a vote of 16 Yes, 4 No.

C. Halkola moved the adoption of Proposal 11-72, "Letter Grade 'M'" (page 750). The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

D. Halkola moved the adoption of Proposal 12-72, "Permission for Dropping a Course" (page 750). Following a second, Alexander moved that the proposal be amended to remove any reference to the Senate's "recommending." The amended proposal would then read:

To grant a student greater freedom in control over his own class schedule, after the end of the period during which a student may add a course or change sections (six calendar days from the beginning of the quarter), the student need not be required to secure his advisor's permission to withdraw from a course. Exception be made to this proposal where, as in laboratory courses, administrative and control problems over equipment and supplies may necessitate retention of the present requirement.

The motion to amend was seconded, following which President Barstow stated that he would rule such a change to be editorial. The motion then carried by a voice vote. Following a brief discussion, Proposal 12-72 as worded above was approved by a vote of 19 Yes, 2 No.

New Business and Voluntary Remarks

Senator Bredekamp stated that he was reaching the end of his fifteenth and final year as a member of the Senate. He then proceeded to read a farewell address which is reproduced here in its entirety as Appendix F (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.