MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 123
OF THE
SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

31 March 1982

(Senate Minute pages: 2049-2106)

President A. Pintar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., on March 31, 1982 in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union.

Roll: Twenty four members/alternates were present. Absent were: Adams (IWR); Bates (CH/CE); Brahney (HU); Frick (NU); Gappy (PE); Gimmestad (KRC); Rupley (Aerospace); Smith (MY); Wilson (FFC); and Drutowski (Grad. Student Council).

Recognition of Visitors: Dr. Paul A. Nelson, Business and Engineering Administration was officially recognized.

Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of meeting number 122 were approved as written. There was a correction to the minutes of meeting number 121 on page 1986, Old Business, Proposal 3-82, the title on line two should read Bachelor of Science in Scientific and Technical Communications.

President's Report:

President Pintar briefly discussed his written report contained at page 2053 (Available by Request from the Senate Office). He indicated that Proposal 5-82, Commencement - Color of Hood Trim for Doctor of Philosophy Graduates would be considered under New Business. He also reported the resignation of Senator Bates as Chairman and member of the Institutional Evaluation Committee due to excessive committee obligations. Senator Suzanne Beske-Diehl, currently a member of the committee, has agreed to become chairperson. President Pintar announced the receipt of a listing of all University faculty/administrative committees was available on request from the Senate Secretary. The listing is included with these minutes on pages 2054-2068 (Available by Request from the Senate Office). Regarding the Sabbatical Leave Committee, it was noted that there were two members with terms expiring in 1984 whereas the original proposal established the committee with five year terms with one position becoming vacant each year. President Pintar recommended this be corrected in a future election of replacements to this committee.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Crowther summarized his report of the Board of Control Meeting of March 19, 1982. See pages 2069-2071 (Available by Request from the Senate Office). In addition to hearing several presentations from the faculty and students, the administration approach to new student tuition assessment was discussed. The Board voted to apply the increase on a flat-rate basis rather than the proposed differential-rate schedule. An annual increase of $240 or $80 per quarter was announced. See the report also for a discussion on the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities proposal to recognize outstanding and distinguished faculty.

Thirteenth Annual Report to the Faculty

Copies of the annual report were prepared for the Senate and presented by Senator Boutilier (Available by Request from the Senate Office). The report was not discussed. It is included with the minutes at pages 2072-2088. Time will be allocated for discussion at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy

Senator Agin presented Proposal 6-82, Freshman English for Senate review and inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting. The proposal is the result of about a two-year study of the freshman English program, HU 101-103 at MTU. A discussion is expected regarding a departmental proposal to cease giving six hours of credit to advanced students. A copy of the proposal and departmental course descriptions is at pages 1089-2091 (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

B. Instructional Policy - No Report.

C. Institutional Evaluation

There was no report. Dr. Hauge was available to respond to questions on the report of the committee on Decision-Making in Academic Affairs (pages 2013-2025 (Available by Request from the Senate Office). There being no questions, the report was accepted as written.


E. Ad Hoc Task Force on Promotion and Tenure

Senator Tampas discussed the minutes of meeting No. 4 and 5 contained at pages 2032-2045 (Available by Request from the Senate Office) and minutes of 6 and 7 distributed at the Faculty Senate Meeting. Subsequent to meeting No. 4
(2033) item 6, first sentence "shall" was changed to "should not." The change was made by the committee based on the feeling that by the time someone is being recommended for tenure they should also have developed sufficient background credentials to warrant promotion, though it would not necessarily be the case every time. Senator Tampas reported that his feeling from discussions with faculty members in various meetings was not so much from disagreement with procedural changes, but rather one of apprehension regarding implementation of the changes in time lines. There was also concern expressed that there may be criteria changes for selection. The committee has not addressed criteria since it has been viewed as a departmental matter. A statement of intent has been drafted in a document that those individuals who are full-time faculty members at the University throughout academic year 1981-82 may elect to be covered for the remainder of their service under the tenure policy adopted by the Board of Control in May 1977. The minutes for meeting No. 8 and 9 received after the Senate meeting are at pages 2094-2099 (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

F. Elections

Senator Givens stated that there were several elections coming due. He is preparing an announcement to be sent to the faculty. Elections will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

G. Budget Committee - No Report.

H. Joint Committee on Relations Between the Senate and Faculty Association - No Report.

I. Faculty Fringe Benefits - No Report.

J. Committee on Committees - No Report. The Secretary was asked to contact Senator Rupley to give a report at the next meeting.


L. Faculty Handbook - No Report.

M. Ad Hoc Bookstore Committee

There was no committee report but Senator Whitten related that informal discussions with the manager of the Bookstore indicated that the committee was serving a valuable service. He suggested that maybe the committee would be continued an additional year. President Pintar agreed.

N. Ad Hoc University Committee on Surveying

Senator Rivard reported that several meetings had been held since the last Senate meeting, chaired by C.E. Hein, Forestry. Preliminary consensus has been reached by the committee on the consolidation of a common basic surveying course to meet the needs of all departments to be taught by a service department or sub-department. Considerations for placement have been narrowed to the Schools of Forestry, Technology, and the College of Engineering. Multiple listing of courses has been proposed to eliminate potential accreditation problems. Preparation of a "Preliminary Draft of Observations" is scheduled to begin on May 6, 1982. See reports on pages 2100-2104 (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Old Business

A. Proposal 4-82, Commitment to Develop a Master of Science in Operations Management Degree Program

Senator Agin proposed adoption of Proposal 4-82 on page 2011 (Available by Request from the Senate Office) of the Senate minutes. Professor Jambekar presented background on the need for the program. The proposal was put to a vote and recommended for adoption.

New Business

A. Proposal 5-82, Commencement - Color of Hood Trim for Doctor of Philosophy Graduates

The motion was made and seconded for adoption. Presentations for and against adoption were made by Senators Heckel and Senator Whitten. The vote on the motion to recommend adoption was passed by a vote of 13 for and 2 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.