MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 133
OF THE
SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

14 December 1983

(Senate Minute pages: 2292-2301)

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., December 14, 1983 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Union.

Roll: Twenty four members/alternates were present. Absent were: Roy D. Adams, Richard E. Elrite, Gary G. Gimmestad, Terry D. Monson, Dale F. Stein, Terrell L. Warrington, and William C. Shust.

Recognition of Visitors: None

Minutes of Meeting No. 132:

Page 2284, Item 1: Dean Powers, not Mr. Dix, will contact ROTC. Item 3A: This should have been Item 4. The residency requirement reported is not the current policy. Item 3B: This should have been Item 5.

Page 2286, Item 11A: Dr. Sung Lee's name was misspelled. Item IIB: Dr. Keith Stanek's name was misspelled. Item IIC: Professor C. Edwin Haltenhoff's name was misspelled.

There was a brief discussion about the Board of Control Meeting Report, pages 2285-86. Because the meetings are widely reported in the media, the need for a special report was questioned.

The Minutes of Meeting 132 were approved with these corrections.

President's Report: (Appendix A - Available by Request from the Senate Office)

Vice President Whitten reported that he has asked Dennis Salo to compare the draft Faculty Handbook with the Procedures Manual and Board of Control actions. It will be several months before revisions of the draft Handbook are complete.

President Nelson reported that only one nomination was received for the faculty position on the Ombudsman Appointing Committee, Dr. L. Bogue Sandberg. Because only one nominee was received, in spite of campus-wide solicitation, the Senate voted unanimously to declare Dr. Sandberg the faculty's choice for the third position on the committee in accordance with Senate Proposal 1-69, Office of the Ombudsman.

Committee Reports

A. Instructional Policy - (Appendix B - Available by Request from the Senate Office)

At the conclusion of the report, the Senate voted to adopt the resolution appearing at the end of Appendix B.

B. Institutional Evaluation.

Dr. Beske-Diehl reported that the Committee was receiving input from the academic departments on Proposal 8-83, Departmental Governance.

New Business

A. Proposal 1-84, Procedures for Developing Significant Changes in the Academic Programs

A discussion by the Senate revealed a need to clarify the wording of the proposal on seven issues:

1. What is the sequence of actions to be taken on a proposal which does not involve a Program Revision Request (PRR)?
2. Does the proposal supercede Proposal 2-75, Course Change Procedure?
3. Does a change in instructional method qualify as a "significant change in the academic program?"
4. What body initiates the ad hoc evaluation of significant changes arising from the gradual evolution of a program?
5. Does the proposal permit the development of nondepartmental graduate programs?
6. Can the proposal accommodate durations of more than one year for approval by the state or by the academic officers of the state?
7. Can the proposal clarify the relationship between the University Course Change Committee and the Senate Curricular Policy Committee?

The Senate voted to refer this proposal back to the Curricular Policy Committee to clarify the wording on the above issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.