MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 138
OF THE
SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

7 November 1984

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President Baltensperger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., November 7, 1984 in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union.

Roll: Twenty seven members/alternates were present. Absent were: Ralph E. Asplund, Gary G. Gimmeestad, David H. Thomas, Bruce A. Haataja, and E.H. Timothy Whitten. No visitors were present.

Minutes of Meeting No. 137:

The minutes of meeting No. 137 were approved as written.

President's Report

President Baltensperger presented a written report (Appendix A Available by Request from the Senate Office). There was some discussion regarding the computer lab fee policy. Alternative fee structures are being evaluated by Computer Services. One consequence would be an increased amount of computer time allowed before a lab fee would be assessed. Additionally, the size of the lab fee increment and the amount of computing time allowed for the fees charged are being re-evaluated. The Senate President is trying to encourage the Administration to bill the students for use of the PC labs rather than relying on the faculty to inform the students of their need to pay these fees.

In response to a question, it was pointed out that the Computer Advisory Council has not had a chairperson for over 5 months, and therefore, has not met and has not been involved in the computer lab fee issue.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President attended the Academic Council Meeting of October 16, 1984 and submitted written minutes of that meeting (Appendix B Available by Request from the Senate Office). During Senate discussion concerning the report given by Lucier at the Academic Council Meeting, MTU President Stein projected that enrollments next year would be down by about 400 students although applications are currently running ahead of last year at this time.

Stein made the following comments related to the review of computer resources to be done by IBM. The review is to be done during the summer because it is going to consume a large amount of the administration's time and thus could not take place during the school year. The study takes about a month and is done free by IBM. Computing is growing out of control. It is important, therefore, that we have an independent organization evaluate the situation and determine what is really needed. There will be adequate time to make a decision about computing after the review when faculty return in the fall. This should be an objective study and will not give IBM an inside track on any new agreements.

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy

The committee is examining the Environmental Engineering option under the Ph.D. in Engineering Program and hopes to have a proposal for the next Senate meeting. The committee has also just received a proposal for the development of an M.S in Rhetoric and Technical Communications.

B. Elections

The Senate President asked for volunteers from the Senate to run Senate elections.

C. Teaching Effectiveness

The committee is preparing a document that they hope to bring to the Senate at the December or February meeting. They plan, at that time, on asking the Senate to sponsor a faculty forum. This would provide an opportunity to determine the faculty's response to the proposal before it is actually discussed by the Senate.

Old Business

A. Proposal 1-85

As requested at the last Senate meeting, the Senate President referred Proposal 1-85 to the Sabbatical Leave Committee. They reported back that they could see no reason to disagree with the change. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously that Proposal 1-85 be adopted.
New Business

The following three people were elected as the Senate’s nominees for the opening on the University Sabbatical Leave Committee: A. Goksel, N. Hutzler, S. Marshall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Senate Secretary