The Senate
Michigan Technological University
Minutes of Meeting No. 189

Meeting No. 189 was called to order at 7:08 PM on 1992 April 29 in Room 101 of Fisher Hall.

I. Roll Call
21 Senators or alternates were present.

II. Visitors 1992 April 29
J. Waber
T. Reynolds
P. Martin

III. No minutes were available for Special Meeting No. 4 of 1992

IV. President's Report
1. W. Powers may be changing tenure policy.
   He wants to have some other external tenure committee to examine certain tenure cases. This seems to apply to the School of Business and Engineering Administration. The reasons for this are not known.

   Moved by T. Sharik; seconded by D. Poplawski.

   The Senate objects to the apparent change in promotion and tenure policy by the Provost currently being applied to the School of Business. Further, we request that at the Senate meeting to be held on 1992 May 6, Provost Powers provide the Senate with an explanation for this apparent deviation from established policy.

   Passed (unanimous)

   Moved by W. Shapton; seconded by D. Hubbard

   The Senate recommends that the whole promotion and tenure policy be examined for consistency and uniformity by the Committee on Academic Tenure and that a report be given to the Senate at the next meeting.

   Passed (unanimous)

2. President Julien has invited Task Force subcommittee chairpersons to give short reports about findings. This will be done at the May 6 meeting. The invitation is attached as Appendix A.

3. President Julien distributed copies of the retrenchment policy (Senate proposal 7-85). This is attached as Appendix B.
   President Julien recommends that the Senate take an
active role in reviewing and revising the retrenchment policy and its relation to long range planning. The Senate should propose a role for itself in the long range planning activities in progress. A new committee should be formed at the next meeting.

V. Vice-President's Report
   No report

VI. Committee Reports
A. Elections
   1. Candidates for appointment to the athletic council, the sabbatical leave committee, and the general education committee were elected from those nominated by mail and from the floor.

   Athletic Council
   Nominees: J. Lowther, C. Vilman, R. Stebler
   R. Jones, N. Kim, C. VanKarsen

   Elected: (one person to be appointed from these by President Tompkins)
   C. Vilman, R. Jones, N. Kim

   Sabbatical Leave Committee
   Nominees: D. Nelson, A. Goel, J. Waber

   Elected: All nominees (one person to be appointed)

   General Education Committee
   Nominees: P. Cho, B. Baltensberger

   Elected: All nominees (one person to be appointed)

   2. T. Merz, chairman of the search and screening committee for the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer asked that the Senate choose an alternate. Those not elected in the original election or were nominated.

   Nominees: D. Thayer, V. Dorweiler, G. Mroz, F. Frayer, T. Collins

   Elected: G. Mroz

B. Budget Liaison Officer
   No report

C. Curricular Policy Committee
   No report

D. Fringe Benefits Committee
   L. Leifer gave an oral report about the findings of Wyatt, Inc. about the medical benefits augmentation program (Proposal 1-92). The committee estimates were judged to be conservative. The committee estimated the cost of the first year as $500,000; Wyatt, Inc. estimated the cost to be $100,000.

   Moved by L. Leifer; seconded by K. Heuvers.

   The Senate requests the Administration to ask Wyatt, Inc. for an actuarial assessment of the annuity and
life insurance portions of the Retirement Benefits Program as passed by the Senate on 15 January 1992. (Proposal 1-92)

Passed (unanimously)

E. Institutional Evaluation Committee
(Report about progress on evaluation for feedback to administrators was given by L. Julien.)
The questionnaires and forms should be in the mail the week of May 4.
Forms for the senior administration will be sent directly to faculty by the President's office.
Forms are to be collected by departmental senators and sent to D. Hubbard.

VII. Reports by Affiliated and Ad hoc Committees
A. University Planning Committee/Task Force reports will be received at the next meeting.
B. Computer Executive Committee
No report
C. President's Cabinet
No report
D. Departmental Governance Committee
Referendum is in progress
E. Committee on Senate Constitution and Constituency
R. Freisinger gave an oral report about the issue of the constituency. This issue is not yet resolved. The committee believes that the constituency must be selected before the constitution is revised. The committee seems dissatisfied with progress and needs more support from the Senate. R. Freisinger will not be a Senator next year, so a new chairperson is needed.

Moved by T. Sharik and seconded by T. Bornhorst.
Disband the current ad hoc committee and form a new standing committee to examine the issue of the appropriate constituency for a faculty senate and make a recommendation by the end of the fall quarter 1992.

Passed (unanimous).

Several people volunteered for duty on this new committee.
T. Sharik                K. Heuvers
J. Waber (convener)     R. Keen
P. Moore
M. McKimson

VIII. Old Business
A. Proposals 10-92 and 11-92
1. Moved by K. Heuvers and seconded C. Vilmann

Proposal 10-92 be accepted and sent forward to the President and Board of Control.

Passed (unanimous)
2. Moved by K. Heuvers; seconded by Walck

Proposal 11-92 be accepted and sent forward to the President and Board of Control.

Passed (unanimous)

B. Final approval for M.S. in Industrial Archeology

Moved by W. Shapton; seconded by C. Vilmann

The program leading to the M.S. degree in Industrial Archeology be given final approval.

Passed (unanimously)

IX. New Business

A. Honors program in biological sciences

The proposal (13-92) appears in memorandum form as Appendix C.

The Curricular Policy Committee was asked to work with the biological sciences department to prepare a short formal proposal for action at the next meeting.

The committee was also asked to prepare a proposal giving general definitions and guidelines for honors programs at MTU.

B. Questionnaire on retention

T. Sharik presented the questionnaire on retention which is attached a Appendix D.

Moved by T. Sharik and seconded by K. Heuvers.

The questionnaire about retention be sent to the faculty for the purpose of gathering information.

Amendments: 1. Remove references to departments
            2. Remove items 4 and 5

The amended motion failed: 8 Yes 10 No

C. Representation on graduate council

Current members are elected at large.

Should there be department representatives?

This will be an item for the next meeting.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM.
See Meeting 144 pages 2436-2442, 2459

Senate passed on 1985 May 1
Board of Control tabled 1985 May 7

Appendix C Proposal 13-92
Appendix D Questionnaire on retention

These pages are available to be read in the MTU Library.