

The Senate of  
Michigan Technological University

Meeting No.190

President Julien called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm on 16 September 1992 in Room 105 of the Memorial Union Building.

I. Roll Call of Regular Members

18 Senators or alternates were present.

II. Recognition of Visitors

Nancy Corrigan is acting as temporary secretary assistant. The position of secretary assistant is new, and may have to be posted with Personnel Services. The position has been provided to the Senate through last year's budget. \$10,000 was set aside for the Senate and the Staff Council. The Faculty Association also needed funding so the \$10,000 was divided among three separate accounts. The Senate will have available approximately \$300 per meeting, assuming we hold nine 9 regular meetings and one special meeting. In order to save additional monies, Davis Hubbard is working on establishing E-mail for Senate use. Those that do not have E-mail available would receive printed copy.

III. Minutes

The minutes of Special Meetings Nos. 5 and 6 of 1992 were accepted and approved.

IV. Senate President's Report

- A. Meeting dates are set for 1992-93. There will be three per quarter/ The meeting of 7 October will be held in the MUB Ballrooms 1 and 2. The president suggested that meetings in future years should be scheduled early in the Spring quarter to insure a regular meeting site.
- B. In the referendum on Faculty Governance, three proposals passed: 2-92, 3-92, 7-92. The Senate need to decide how to approach the proposals that did not pass. Discussion was deferred to Old Business.

V. Senate Vice-President's Report

No report.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Election Committee

- 1. From Special Meeting No. 6 of 1992. The Senators-at-Large are Thomas Grimm and Ronald Roblee. David Nelson was elected to serve on the Committee on Academic Tenure. The Secretary of the Senate is responsible for finding replacements for the position of Election Committee chair and one other elected member. Discussion of the formation of other committees was deferred to new business.

2. Elections of Senate Officers: A list of nominations for Senate offices was presented by the Senate secretary. The floor was opened for additional nominations. Thomas Grimm was nominated for secretary; his nomination was seconded. A motion to close nominations was seconded and passed. Election of officers was held by written ballot. Officers for 1992-93 are:

- President: Terry Sharik
- Vice-President: Carl Vilmann
- Secretary: Robert Keen

A motion to destroy the ballots was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Other Elections

- a. A motion was made and seconded to have Samson Marshall continue to serve as a replacement for Carol McLennan on the University Tenure Committee. The motion passed.
- b. As an item of information, the Senate president announced that the faculty members of President Tompkin's Cabinet are Terry Sharik, Mark Plichta, Tom drummer and Samson Marshall. Cynthia Self has resigned from the Cabinet. Top alternates will replace members of the Cabinet if needed.

B. Budget Liaison Officer

Christa Walck has resigned as Budget Liaison Officer. Anil Jambekar volunteered to serve as Senate Budget Liaison Officer.

C. Senate Curriculum Policy Committee

Konrad Heuvers stepped down from the chair of this committee. Ronald Roblee volunteered to be a member of the committee. K. Heuvers volunteered to arrange the first meeting to elect a new chair from among the senators and alternates. The importance of this committee in the coming year was noted: there will be discussions about the transition of the technology programs from two-0year to four-year curricula.

D. Fringe Benefits Committee

No report.

E. Committee on Institutional Evaluation

Discussion of this committee's work was moved to Old Business.

F. Instructional Policy Committee

Konrad Heuvers will remain as chair of this committee.

G. Board of Control Liaison Task Force

Larry Julien indicated he would attend the meeting of the Board of Control on 18 September 1992.

H. Senate Constitution and Contingency

A report from Randy Freisinger was included with the minutes of 1991-92 Senate Special Meeting No. 5 (Appendix K). Patricia Moore volunteered to organize a first meeting of this committee.

VII. Reports from Affiliated and Ad Hoc Committees

A. President Tompkins's Cabinet

The Cabinet has not met recently.

B. Task Force on Tradeoffs: Cost, Quality and Size

The Steering Committee of the Task Force on Tradeoffs worked with the reports of the various Task Force subcommittees, and produced a document, "Findings and Recommendations" (Appendix B of these minutes). The summary and the subcommittee reports are controversial. The Senate needs to maintain close contacts with the Committee. The Committee on Long-Range Planning and Direction, which was formed two years ago and was superseded by the Task Force on Trade-Offs, has been reconvened by Provost Powers.

VIII. Old Business

Report of the Institutional Evaluation Committee

1. A report for the committee chair is included in these minutes as Appendix A.

2. Motion by Heuvers: Referenda submitted to the faculty should be decided by a simple majority of those voting. Seconded by Heyman.

Discussion: The requirements for passage of the package of proposals on faculty governance were too stringent. General voting procedures need to be re-examined and clarified for the future. The proposals on faculty governance that did not pass should be sent back to the committee for re-evaluation. Senators need to talk to the constituency about the proposals. The unpassed proposals should be resubmitted for a referendum based on a simple majority. Perhaps we should submit the proposal so President Tompkins based on a Senate vote instead of a referendum.

The question was called. By show of hands, the motion passed 17-1.

3. Motion by Heyman. Proposals 4-92, 5-92, 6-92, 8-92, and 9-92 be sent back to the Committee for review and resubmittal to the Senate for reconsideration. Motion was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote without opposition.

\*\*\*\*\*

IX. New Business

A. A proposal for Quality Teaching will be discussed at the meeting of 7 October.

- B. Heyman volunteered to serve on the Election Committee. He will submit to the faculty the nomination forms for a Senator-At-Large.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

\*\*\*\*\*

Pages

3636	Appendix A	Report of Institutional Evaluation Committee
3637		
3638	Appendix B	Task Force on Tradeoffs: Findings and Recommendations
3650		

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

.