

THE SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Minutes of Meeting No. 242  
27 September 1995

Synopsis: The Senate

- (1) Heard a report from Dean Klippel on suspending the MS in Operations Management.
- (2) Heard a report from Christa Walck on the Faculty Development Project.
- (3) Heard a report from Bill Bulleit on the Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching.
- (4) Heard a report from Tim Wakeham on the Wellness Program.
- (5) Defeated Proposal 3-96, Due Process.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Bornhorst called the Senate meeting to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, 27 September 1995, in Room B37 of the Electrical Energy Resources Center.

Secretary Glime called roll. Absent were At-large Senator Whitt, representatives from Biological Sciences, Business and Engineering Administration, Fine Arts, Institute of Materials Processing, and Keweenaw Research Center. Liaisons in attendance were Yadu Dar (GSC), David Henke (USG), and Ted Soldan (Staff Council).

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Guests included Gene Klippel (Dean of Business and Engineering Administration), Bill Bulleit (Chair of Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching), Tim Wakeham (Coordinator of Wellness Program), Steve Batzer (GSC), Marcia Goodrich (Tech Topics), and Fred Dobney (Executive Vice President and Provost).

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Bornhorst recommended exchanging agenda items 6. B. and 6. C. and item 6. F. will be included in the report from the Senate President. Soldan MOVED and Sandberg seconded the motion to accept the agenda as adjusted. There were no objections so the agenda was APPROVED. [Appendix A. NOTE: only official Senate and Library archival copies of the minutes will contain a full complement of appendices.]

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETINGS 235, 236, 237, AND 238.

Heyman MOVED and Soldan seconded to approve the minutes of Meeting 235. The motion CARRIED on a voice vote.

Carstens MOVED and Filer seconded to approve the minutes of Meeting 236. The motion CARRIED on a voice vote.

Arici MOVED and Soldan seconded to approve the minutes of Meeting 237. The motion CARRIED on a voice vote.

Heyman MOVED and Filer seconded to approve the minutes of Meeting 238. The motion CARRIED on a voice vote.

5. REPORT FROM SENATE PRESIDENT

Proposal 4-96, Conflict of Interest Statement for the Board of Control has been forwarded to the Administration. [Appendix B]

Proposal 27-95, Academic Integrity Policy and Procedures has been approved by President Tompkins. [Appendix C] There will be a workshop on academic integrity on 29 September.

There are still six slots for conferences with the TIAA/CREF counselor on 17 October, according to Ingrid Cheney.

At the suggestion of Senator Whitt in meeting 240, shared governance will be discussed in the Senate in a forthcoming meeting.

The Provost and Senate officers met on 25 September 1995.

There are vacancies on several university committees. Senators are asked to nominate members from among their constituents to serve on these committees: Presidential Commission for Women, Presidential Commission on Diversity, University Inquiry Committee for Scientific Misconduct, Academic Integrity Committee, Athletic Council, Sabbatical Leave Committee, and University Committee on Academic Tenure.

The Provost has requested three committees to follow up on promises he made to the Senate last year. To examine the sabbatical leave and other opportunities for faculty development, the Provost suggests a committee of Senate-appointed members from the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Academic Policy Committee, and three members appointed by the Provost - a dean, a department chair, and a member of the Sabbatical Leave Committee. [Appendix D]

The second suggestion is for a task force on tuition to review graduate tuition. He recommends that this committee have Senate-appointed members from the Institutional Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Research Policy Committee; three appointments by the Provost - the Chief Financial Officer, the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, and a department chair; and a representative from the Undergraduate Student Government and one from the Graduate Student Council. [Appendix E]

The third recommendation is to form a committee to review and recommend improvements in the TIAA/CREF retiree health benefits. He suggests that the Senate appoint a member from the Fringe Benefits Committee, the Finance Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee for Professional Staff Issues, and that the Provost appoint two - the Chief Financial Officer and the Manager of Benefits. [Appendix F]

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The President of the Senate recommended that if no nominee exists for a committee position the President with assistance from the officers will seek nominees and present to the Senate for confirmation.

A discussion followed on the proposals from the Provost and whether these should be special committees or fall under the jurisdiction of existing Senate committees. The Senate will discuss that issue after the Senate committees are formed.

## 6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS/REPORTS

A. Dean Klippel (Business and Engineering Administration) reported to the Senate on the decision to suspend the MS in Operations Management. He reported that the suspension was agreed upon by a faculty vote of 20 to 1 with 2 abstentions. The decision was based on recommendations of an outside reviewer in regard to precandidacy in AECSB. Provost Dobney interprets that the program would not have to have Senate approval for reactivation.

C. (agenda adjusted) Christa Walck reported on the Faculty Development Project. She suggested ways of enhancing faculty development and reported the use of faculty focus groups to gather information on perceptions of areas where development is needed. [Appendix G]

B. (agenda adjusted) Bill Bulleit reported on the Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching. The committee considered evaluation, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and Teaching Awards. Based on the findings of Christa Walck on faculty development, the Committee recommends that MTU implement a Center for Teaching, Learning, and Faculty Development as an expansion of the present Center for Teaching Excellence and the Center should have a full-time director who reports to the Provost. Senator Chavis suggested the

inclusion of diversity issues in the development program. Other senators suggested that there is little reward for tackling teaching or administrative improvements and that there need to be rewards in the system, particularly for major experiments and changes in courses.  
[Appendix H]

D. Tim Wakeham, Coordinator of the Wellness Program, reported on the new program. He stated that the program described in the recent announcement regarding membership at the Court House has been changed. New membership will cost \$200 for 12 months. There are various programs for getting back part of the money based on actual participation. A similar program is available at the Student Development Center. Facilities are being enlarged at the Court House and several of the competing activities have been moved elsewhere. The Fringe Benefits Committee should examine the possibilities of other fitness options, particularly to make it more accessible financially for staff.

E. The President of the Senate reported, as a member of the Board of Control Relations Committee, on recent Board actions. The Board has approved the PhD in Geological Engineering. They likewise approved the Conflict of Interest Policy except for the full sentence amendment proposed by Senator Whitt and passed by the Senate. In the future, the Senate report will be a regular part of the Board Agenda. The Board strongly supports involvement by MTU in Charter schools and that the Senate should become active on this issue. They feel that faculty should review faculty hires, teaching, and curriculum for MTU charter schools. The President of the Senate will invite President Tompkins to discuss charter schools with the Senate. Provost Dobney commented that he asked the Board that there be no additional cost to MTU. Senator Leifer suggested that the Senate bring two speakers who are familiar with charter schools, one to present pros and one the cons. Senator Little has heard one person speak about charter schools and recommends him as a good speaker.

F. The need of nominees for the university committee representatives was discussed in the Report from the Senate President.

G. The Senate Assistant distributed the Preliminary List of 1995-96 Committee Assignments [Appendix I]. Copies will be sent to Alternates. Senators and alternates wishing to change assignments should find someone to trade committees with them. The Senate officers used the policy to give first choices where possible and that only one person from a unit could be on a committee.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Arici MOVED and Thayer seconded the motion to approve Proposal 3-96, Due Process. [See minutes, page 5714, for a copy of this proposal.] There were no objections to the voting units as the full Senate. Thayer MOVED and Sloan seconded the motion to strike the word "planned" in item 1. The motion FAILED by voice vote. Senator Beck suggested that the Senators be provided with copies of Roberts' Rules of Order. The motion to approve Proposal 3-96 was DEFEATED 8 yes to 25 no by secret ballot.

Vichich MOVED and Filer seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Janice M. Glime  
Secretary of the Senate

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