

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 526
28 November 2012

Synopsis: **Presentation: “Michigan Tech Financial Overview: A report from the University Senate Finance committee” by Dr. Michael Mullins, Senate Finance Committee Chair**

1. Call to order and roll call. President Bill Bulleit called the University Senate Meeting 526 to order at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 28, 2012. The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent was a representative of the Army/Air Force ROTC, Cognitive and Learning Sciences, and the School of Technology.

Recognition of visitors. Guests included Max Seel (Provost’s Office), and Dana Johnson (School of Business and Economics).

2. Approval of agenda. Bulleit asked if there were any changes; there being none Bulleit declared the agenda stood **APPROVED**.

3. Approval of minutes from Meeting 525. Bulleit asked if there were any changes. There being none, Bulleit declared the minutes stood **APPROVED**.

4. Presentation: “Michigan Tech Financial Overview: A report from the University Senate Finance committee” by Dr. Michael Mullins, Senate Finance Committee Chair

Mullins talked about several areas of interest (click here for [slides](#)) including undergraduate and graduate tuition, state appropriations, employee costs, total employment benefits, institutional costs, physical plant costs, academic and institutional research dollars, sponsored program awards, and possible paths forward.

5. Reports

a. Senate President

Bulleit stated that Senate Proposals 3-13 through 5-13 were approved by the admin. Bulleit gave wording of a referendum on a tobacco-free campus issue. Herbig suggested giving what the current policy is. Bulleit mentioned tobacco-free information website and that the referendum is just for senate constituents since the Union already did their survey. Following some discussion, Bulleit will revise and include current policy.

b. Senate Standing Committees

There were no reports.

6. Old Business:

a. Proposal 6-13: “Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Chinese Language and Area Study” (Voting Units: Academic) presented by Curricular Policy Committee.

Gierke said that the committee discussed the proposal and supports it. Mullins asked what the enrollment numbers are, to which Gierke replied that they are high enough to warrant the change. Bulleit called for a vote and the proposal was **APPROVED**.

b. Proposal 8-13: “Proposal for a Bachelor’s Degree Title Change” (Voting Units: Academic) presented by Curricular Policy Committee

Gierke said that the change was from a BS in Clinical Laboratory Science, to a BS in Medical Laboratory Science. Bulleit called for a vote and the proposal was **APPROVED**.

c. Proposal 9-13: “Mid-Term Grade Proposal” (Voting Units: Academic) presented by Instructional Policy Committee

Bulleit called for a vote and the proposal was **APPROVED**.

7. New Business:

a. Proposal 10-13: “Proposal for a Spin-Off from B.S. in Management to a B.S. in Management with a Concentration in Supply Chain and Operations Management” (Voting Units: Academic) presented by Curricular Policy Committee

Seel said that the old program will be shelved to be more efficient. A proposal to shelve the existing program will come at the next meeting. Johnson said this is common with other universities. Mullins supported it from financial aspects.

8. Adjournment

President Bulleit adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted
by Brian Barkdoll
Secretary of the University Senate

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