

**The University Senate
of Michigan Technological University**

Minutes of Meeting 563
15 April 2015

Synopsis:

The Senate

- Meeting Dates for Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year **passed**
- Election of Senate Officers for 2015-2016

1. Call to order and roll call. [00:00 – 02:30]

President Craig Waddell called the University Senate Meeting 563 to order at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. The Senate Secretary Marty Thompson called roll. Absent were Senators Cai, Schmierer and Cadwell and representatives of Army/Air Force ROTC, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Kinesiology & Integrative Physiology, Materials Science & Engineering, Mechanical Engineering- Engineering Mechanics, Academic Services C, Technology, Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Government.

2. Recognition of visitors. Guests included Max Seel (Provost's Office).

3. Approval of agenda. [02:31 – 03:03]

Wood **moved** to approve. Weir **seconded**. The agenda **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

4. Self-introduction of new senators and alternates. [03:04 – 04:06]

5. Setting of meeting dates. [04:07 – 04:47]

Article IX of the Senate's Constitution specifies that "The Senate shall meet at least once during each term of the regular academic year, in meetings scheduled before the end of the Spring Term of the preceding academic year." The following dates are proposed:

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Kallio **moved** to approve. Gilbertson **seconded**. The proposal **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Election of Senate officers for 2015-2016. [04:48 – 57:00]

Riehl announced the candidates for the senate officer positions:

For President: Brian Barkdoll & Craig Waddell

For Vice President: Katie Cooper

For Secretary: Marty Thompson

Riehl asked for additional nominations. There being none he proceeded to conduct the election.

a. For the office of Senate Secretary:

Thompson concisely spoke of his role as senate secretary for the past two years and asked for continuing support for his work with the incoming senate.

Thompson was elected to the position of Senate Secretary by majority vote.

b. For the office of Senate Vice-President:

Cooper, Housing, introduced herself and asked for the senate's continued support for her as vice-president.

Cooper was elected to the position of Senate Vice-President by majority vote.

c. For the office of Senate President:

Waddell presented a historical background of shared governance to define the evolving role of shared governance in academia.

Barkdoll presented his plans for the upcoming year if he were to be elected.

Brian Barkdoll was elected to the position of Senate President by majority vote.

7. Approval of Senate Standing Committees [57:01 – 72:06]

Wood **moved** to approve the senate standing committees. Gilbertson **seconded**.

Froese **objected** to the discussion. It was determined that the revised agenda sent via email was not posted on the senate website. Discussion. Waddell **ruled against the objection** because the majority of senators and guests had voted with the assumption they voted on the revised agenda. Froese **objected** to the ruling. Discussion. Froese **withdrew the objection**.

Kallio **moved** to change Jukkala from the Professional Staff Policy Committee to the Research Policy Committee. Kerfoot **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

Kallio **moved** to change from the Finance & Institutional Planning Committee to the Professional Staff Policy Committee. Froese **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

Froese **moved** to remove Hwang from Elections Committee as he will not be an alternate next year. Kallio **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

Chen **moved** to change from the Finance & Institutional Planning Committee to the Research Policy Committee. Froese **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

Weir **moved** to change from the Professional Staff Policy Committee to the Elections Committee. Froese **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

Wood **moved** to add Waddell to Fringe Benefits Committee. Wanless **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

The amended committee membership list **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Adjournment.

Barkdoll **moved** to adjourn. Gilbertson **seconded**. President Waddell adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted
by Marty Thompson
Secretary of the University Senate