

**The University Senate
of Michigan Technological University**

Minutes of Meeting 564
15 April 2015

Synopsis:

The Senate

- Proposal 44-15 "Proposal for a New Bachelor's of Science Degree in Natural Resources Management" **passed**
- Proposal 27-15: "Fixed vs. Variable Compensation for Senate Officers and Senate President as Financial Manager of the Senate's Budget" **passed**
- Revised version of Proposal 16-15: "Annual Community Feedback to the University Leadership" **passed**
- Proposal 33-15 "Academic Calendar for 2016-2017 and Provisional Calendar for 2017-18" **passed**
- Proposal 34-15 "Restructuring the Benefits Liaison Group" **passed**
- Proposal 35-15 "Modify the Definition of the Term 'Adjunct' Faculty" **passed**
- Proposal 36-15 "Definition of 'Affiliated' Faculty Appointments" **passed**
- Proposal 37-15 "Revision of Graduate School Policy Regarding External Members of Graduate Committees" **passed**
- Proposal 38-15 "Policy on Accommodated Examinations" **passed**
- Proposal 39-15 "Amending Senate Policy 602.1: Final Exam Policy" **passed**
- Proposal 40-15 "Amending Senate Policy 312.1: Syllabus Requirement for All Courses at Michigan Technological University" **passed**
- Proposal 41-15 "Modify the University's Defined Contribution Retirement Benefit" **passed**
- Proposal 42-15 "Minors in Degree Programs" **passed**
- Proposal 43-15 "Undergraduate Certificates" **passed**
- Proposal 32-15 "Establishment of a Library Liaisons and a Library Advisory Committee" **passed**

1. Call to order and roll call. [1:13:00 – 1:14:36]

President Craig Waddell called the University Senate Meeting 564 to order at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. The Senate Secretary Marty Thompson called roll. Absent were Senators Caneba, Stancher and Cadwell and representatives of Army/Air Force ROTC, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, School of Technology, Social Sciences, Academic Services A, Academic Services B, Academic Services C, Finance, Student Affairs & Advancement A, Student Affairs & Advancement C, Technology, Undergraduate Student Government and Staff Council.

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

3. Approval of agenda. [1:14:37 – 1:25:00]

Barkdoll **moved** to strike Item 7.a. Wood **seconded**. The amendment **passed** unanimously.

Wood **moved** to approve. Wanless **seconded**.

Froese **moved** to reorder Proposal 44-15 to item a. Mullins **seconded**. The amendment **passed** unanimously.

Snyder **moved** to vote on all academic proposals listed between Proposals 35-15 to 43-15 to a common consent calendar to be acted on with a single vote. Wood **seconded**. Barkdoll amended the motion to separate Proposal 42-15 because it will be amended. Mullins **seconded**. The amendment **passed** unanimously. The motion **passed** by a majority vote.

The amended agenda **passed** by a majority vote.

4. Approval of minutes from Meeting 562. [1:25:01 – 1:27:00]

Mullins **moved** to approve. Barkdoll **seconded**. Seel added a point of information on Item 5.c. Wood stated his presence at the meeting. The amended minutes **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

5. President's Report [1:27:01 – 1:28:24]

Waddell presented thanked all senators and alternates for their service this past academic year, especially those who will not be returning. He presented Provost and V.P. of Academic Affairs Max Seel with a Perfect Attendance Award.

6. Reports from Senate Standing Committees [1:28:25 – 1:47:44]

Academic and Instructional Policy Committee. None.

Administrative Policy Committee. None.

Curricular Policy Committee. None.

Elections Committee.

a. Riehl announced the results of three online elections.

Faculty-at-Large Senators: Aurenice Oliveira, Yu Cai, Chunming Gao, Qing-Hui Chen

Faculty Distinguished Service Award Committee: Diane Schoos

Faculty Review Committee: Chunming Gao

b. Riehl conducted elections requiring a vote by senators. Persons elected are shown.

Academic Integrity Committee: Chunming Gao, L. Syd Johnson

Conflict of Interest Committee: Lori Weir (3 year term), Dave Chard (1 year term)

Misconduct in Research, Scholarly and Creative Endeavors Inquiry Committee: Paul Charlesworth

c. Riehl conducted elections for nominees that will be sent forward for selection by the University President. Persons elected are shown.

Athletic Council: John Gierke

MTEC Board: Tom Merz

Sabbatical Leave Committee: Robert Froese, Ralph Hodek

Finance & Institutional Planning Committee. None.

Fringe Benefits Committee. None.

General Education and Assessment Committee. None.

Information Technology Committee. None.

Professional Staff Policy Committee. None.

Research Policy Committee. Froese said they are reviewing the survey results from Research and Sponsored Programs. The committee is preparing a report and are discussing university insurance issues.

7. Unfinished Business [1:47:45 – 3:11:20]

a. Proposal 44-15 “Proposal for a New Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Natural Resources Management”

Barkdoll **moved** to approve. Discussion. The proposal **passed** with a majority vote.

b. Proposal 27-15: "Fixed vs. Variable Compensation for Senate Officers and Senate President as Financial Manager of the Senate's Budget"

Waddell **moved** the proposal which comes from the senate executive committee.

Mullins **moved** to postpone until next meeting. Snyder **seconded**. Discussion. The motion was **rejected** by majority vote.

Snyder **moved** we refer the proposal to the appropriate committee. Vable **seconded**. The motion **passed** by majority vote.

The proposal will be sent to the appropriate committee.

c. Revised version of Proposal 16-15: “Annual Community Feedback to the University Leadership”

Vable **moved** to approve the proposal which comes from the Administrative Policy Committee.

Weir **moved** to send the proposal back to committee. Froese **seconded**. Discussion. The senate vote was tied. Waddell broke the tie. The motion **passed** by majority vote.

The proposal will be sent back to committee.

d. Proposal 33-15 “Academic Calendar for 2016-2017 and Provisional Calendar for 2017-18”

Snyder **moved** to approve. Mullins **seconded**.

Barkdoll **moved** to end discussion. The motion **passed**.

The proposal **passed** by majority vote.

e. Proposal 34-15 “Restructuring the Benefits Liaison Group”

Waddell **moved** to send the proposal which comes from the senate executive committee, back to committee. Discussion. The motion **passed** by majority vote.

The proposal will be sent back to committee.

f. Proposal 41-15 “Modify the University’s Defined Contribution Retirement Benefit”

Mullins **moved** to approve the proposal which comes from the Finance Committee. Discussion. The proposal **passed** by majority vote.

g. Proposal 43-15 “Undergraduate Certificates”

Barkdoll **moved** to approve the amended proposal which comes from the Curricular Policy Committee. The proposal **passed** by majority vote.

h. Proposal 35-15 “Modify the Definition of the Term ‘Adjunct’ Faculty”, Proposal 36-15 “Definition of ‘Affiliated’ Faculty Appointments”, Proposal 37-15 “Revision of Graduate School Policy Regarding External Members of Graduate Committees”, Proposal 38-15 “Policy on Accommodated Examinations”, Proposal 39-15 “Amending Senate Policy 602.1: Final Exam Policy”, Proposal 40-15 “Amending Senate Policy 312.1: Syllabus Requirement for All Courses at Michigan Technological University” and Proposal 42-15 “Minors in Degree Programs”

Barkdoll **moved** to approve the group of proposals which come from the Curricular Policy Committee. Discussion.

Mullins **moved** to permit non-members to speak. Plummer **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Discussion.

Froese **moved** to amend Proposal 40-15 to state “citation as given or web reference to equivalent university policy”.

Mullins **seconded**. The motion to amend Proposal 40-15 **passed**.

Brown **moved** to separate proposals 35-37, 38-40, 42-15 into three groups. Hungwe **seconded**. The move to separate the proposals **passed**.

Proposal 35-15, 36-15 and 37-15 **passed** by majority vote.

Proposal 38-15, 39-15, 40-15 as amended **passed** by majority vote.

Proposal 42-15 **passed** by majority vote.

8. Public Comments [3:11:21 – 3:13:00]

Mullins thanked Waddell for his service as senate president. Waddell thanked all the committees for their hard work.

9. Adjournment

Wanless **moved** to adjourn. Barkdoll **seconded**. President Waddell adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted

by Marty Thompson

Secretary of the University Senate