

**The University Senate
of Michigan Technological University**

Minutes of Meeting 566
23 September 2015

Synopsis:

The Senate

- Administration Amendment to Proposal 36-15: Definition of 'Affiliated' Faculty Appointments **passed**
- Proposal 1-16: "Amendment to Senate Policy 409.1: Additional Baccalaureate Degrees; Amendment to Senate Policy 409.1 **passed**

1. Call to order and roll call. [00:00 – 02:28]

President Brian Barkdoll called the University Senate Meeting 566 to order at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. The Senate Secretary Marty Thompson called roll. Absent were Senators Stancher, Schmierer and Cadwell and representatives of Army/Air Force ROTC, Kinesiology and Integrated Physiology, Mechanical Engineering – Engineering Mechanics, Auxiliaries, Student Affairs & Advancement C and Undergraduate Student Government.

2. Recognition of visitors. Guests included Jackie Huntoon (Provost Office) and Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration).

3. Approval of agenda. [02:29 – 04:03]

Hamlin **moved** to approve. Wellstead **seconded**. Discussion. The agenda **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

4. Approval of minutes from Meeting 565. [04:04 – 05:42]

Hamlin **moved** to approve. Oliveira **seconded**. Amended an item under New Business (8.n). The amended minutes **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Presentations: [05:43 – 59:02]

a. "Cyber Security" presented by Dr. Yu Cai [05:43 – 27:56]

Cai discussed computer hacking including the 2014 Anthem breach, which impacted the medical records of multiple MTU employees. [\[LINK to SLIDES\]](#)

b. "Salary Comparisons Report" presented by Dr. Stefaan DeWinter, chair, Finance and Institutional Planning Committee [27:57 – 59:02]

DeWinter discussed the results of an analysis performed by the Finance and Institutional Planning Committee. [\[LINK to SLIDES\]](#)

6. President's Report [59:03 – 1:01:01]

Barkdoll has invited President Mroz to respond to the university presidential evaluation survey results.

The Graduate Dean search committee elections result in Warren Perger and Paul Bergstrom as the two members selected by the senate.

Faculty Senator-at-Large, Qing-Hui Chen is now the senator from Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology. Elections for a new Senator-at-Large has been tasked to the Elections Committee.

Senate liaison to the Graduate Faculty Council is Qing-Hui Chen.

7. Reports from Senate Standing Committees [1:01:02 – 1:18:00]

Academic and Instructional Policy Committee.
None.

Administrative Policy Committee. [1:01:50 – 1:17:00] [\[LINK to SLIDES\]](#)

Nooshabadi presented the APC agenda for the 2015-2016 academic year. Key issues include; presidential survey, chair and dean evaluation process, election process for university committees and changes to senate bylaws.

Curricular Policy Committee. None.

Elections Committee. Weir said the committee is attempting to gather nominees for unfilled positions.

Finance & Institutional Planning Committee.
None.

Fringe Benefits Committee. Waddell is working on revising Proposal 28-15.

General Education and Assessment Committee.
Hungwe has invited the associate provost to their meetings to facilitate communication and decision-making.

Information Technology Committee. None.

Professional Staff Policy Committee. None.

Research Policy Committee. None.

8. Unfinished Business [1:18:01 – 1:21:29]

a. Administration Amendment to Proposal 36-15: Definition of 'Affiliated' Faculty Appointments; Curricular Policy Committee

Brown **moved** to approve. Wood **seconded**. No discussion. The proposal **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

b. Proposal 1-16: "Amendment to Senate Policy 409.1: Additional Baccalaureate Degrees; Amendment to Senate Policy 409.1

Wood **moved** to approve. Oliveira **seconded**. Oliveira said the amendment defines the requirement for regional accreditation. The proposal **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

9. New Business [1:21:30 – 1:29:28]

a. Administration Amendment to Proposal 31-15: Amending Senate Policy 210.1, BOC Policy 4.8, and Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Handbook Section 8.2: Office of the Ombuds; Administrative Policy Committee

Nooshabadi says this has not been discussed within the APC and **moved** to refer to committee. Froese **seconded**. No discussion. The **motion passed**.

b. Proposal 2-16: Proposal to Amend the Employee Education Policy

Waddell introduced the proposal. The key modification is the change in the number of credits non-union employees are eligible to take. There is no change to off-campus coursework, which was introduced to ensure the coursework benefit extended to Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI) employees located in Ann Arbor. The language clarifies the number of courses and credits employees are eligible to take.

10. Public Comments

None

11. Adjournment

Wood **moved** to adjourn. Hungwe **seconded**. President Barkdoll adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted

by Marty Thompson

Secretary of the University Senate