The University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Minutes of Meeting 580
September 7, 2016

Senate minutes are time-indexed [in square brackets] to the relevant segments of the streaming video of the meeting.

Synopsis:

- President’s Report summarized issues that came up over the summer, including Senate proposals that came back from the Administration and various committee issues.
- The 2016-17 Senate Standing Committee List and the Proposed Meeting Dates for 2016-2017 were approved.
- The following proposals were sent back to the appropriate committees:
  - Proposal 11-16: Amending Senate Procedure 503.1.1: Evaluation Procedure for the President,
  - Proposal 29-16: Proposal to Formally Establish Assessment Liaisons in all Units Mandated to Participate in the Assessment Process, and
  - Proposal 37-16: Amendments to Final Exam Policy 602.1.

1. Call to Order.
President Marty Thompson called the University Senate Meeting 580 to order at 5:33 PM on Wednesday September 7, 2016.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:00-4:08]
The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators King, Hamlin, Sutter, Nemiroff, and Velat with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Engineering Fundamentals, or Materials Science and Engineering. Visitors were: Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Jackie Huntoon (Provost), Josh Marshall, and Jonathan Davey. New Senators introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda [4:08-4:36]
No discussion. Agenda passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 578 and 579 [4:36-5:54]
No discussion. The minutes from meetings 578 and 579 were both passed on voice votes.

5. Presentations [5:54-6:10]
There were no presentations

6. President's Report [6:10-17:40]
President Thompson gave a presentation regarding passed and not-approved proposals from last year; CSA evaluation committee, CATPR committee membership, possible speakers to invite in the future and the upcoming BOT presentation on 9/28.

7. Committee Reports [17:40-24:38]
The only report was from the Finance and Institutional Planning Committee stating that the provost modified the Senate budget to the following: All compensations are flat-rate as follows: $10,000 for President, $6,000 for the Vice President, $4,000 for the Secretary. Release time is $25,000 for the President’s unit and $10,000 for the Secretary’s unit. There is also $5,000 for other activities such as student support or speaker invitations. The Senate President is
manager of the Senate budget now. No carry forward.


a. The amended 2016-17 Senate Standing Committee List was passed unanimously by voice vote


a. The Proposed Senate Meeting Dates for 2016-2017 were passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Proposal 11-16: Amending Senate Procedure 503.1.1: Evaluation Procedure for the President, Approved by Administration 04-22-16 pending acceptance of editorial changes: passed unanimously by voice vote to be sent back to the Administrative Policy committee.

c. Proposal 29-16: Proposal to Formally Establish Assessment Liaisons in all Units Mandated to Participate in the Assessment Process, Approved by Administration 05-17-16 pending acceptance of editorial changes: passed unanimously by voice vote to be sent back to the General Education and Assessment committee.

d. Proposal 37-16: Amendments to Final Exam Policy 602.1, disapproved by Administration 05-17-16: passed unanimously by voice vote to be sent back to the Academic and Instructional Policy committee.

No other new business was raised.


The possibility of inviting Renee Hiller to present on the changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act was raised. It was announced that there will be a talk on the same topic coming up soon.

A question was raised on how to bring up issues in the Senate, specifically the high price of textbooks. Kerfoot told Research Policy Committee is studying it already.

11. Adjournment [34:47-34:59]

President Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Brian Barkdoll
Secretary of the University Senate