

**The University Senate of Michigan
Technological University**

Minutes of Meeting 588

February 1, 2017

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

Synopsis:

Presentations:

a. “Overview of the Impact of the Immigration Order” presented by Cassy Tefft de Munoz, Director of International Programs and Services. Emergency Proposal 10-17 was **PASSED**.

b. “Library Annual Update” presented by Ellen Marks, Director

Committee Reports:

a. Election for Academic Integrity Committee

Unfinished business:

a. Proposal 7-17: A Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Electric Power Engineering as part of the degree Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

New Business:

a. Proposal 3-17: “Amendment to Senate Procedures 506.1.1: Evaluation Procedures for Department Chairs/School Deans” approved by Administration pending acceptance of editorial changes **PASSED**

b. Proposal 8-17: Proposed Laptop Requirement for Students in Engineering Fundamentals First-Year Courses presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) Emergency Proposal 8-17 was **PASSED**.

1. Call to Order

President Marty Thompson called the University Senate Meeting 588 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday February 1, 2017.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:18-3:01]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators King, Wallace, Sutter, Tewari, Xia, Vellat, Patchin, and Pischke with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Material Science & Eng., or ME-EM. Visitors were: Jaqueline Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Wayne Pennington (Engineering Dean’s Office), Jon Stickland (Engineering Fundamentals), Annelise Doll (Library), Brett Hamlin (Engineering Fundamentals), Zainddi Ashong (Chemical Engineering), Wafa Mazi (Chemistry), Jonathon Davey (Student Activities), Poniz Hazanel (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Sanaz Habibi (Chemical Engineering), Mohammad Reza Amini (ME-EM), Gehrouz Khashbakht (ME-EM), Josh Marshal (Computer Sci.), Kyle McGurk (Undergraduate Student Government), Jason Sterkenburg (Cognitive & Learning Sciences), Maryanne Fakhrhosseini (Cognitive & Learning Sciences), Alawudin Salim (Civil & Environmental Engineering), Tanvir Khan (Civil & Environmental Engineering), ASM Galib Faraque (Civil & Environmental Engineering), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Les Cook (Student Affairs/Advancement), Atefah Faraji, Aref Majdara (ME-EM), Behdad Afkhami (ME-EM), Shahab Bayami Ahangar (ME-EM), Marjan Menfareelnsalo (Biomedical Engineering), Sana Halal (ME-EM), Mahta Naziri Saeed, Mahmood Medir (BE), Mehdi Jafari (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Robert Richard (FRES), Auisham Arabshamal (Mat. Sci), Dan Fuhrmann (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Soroush Sepahyar (ME-EM), Sara Alian (SFRES), Nina Mahmoudian (ME-EM), Andi Barajas (VP for Edmin), Garrett Neese (DMG), Ellen Marks (Library), Arash Jamali (ME-EM), Amir Bayanis Ahangar (ME-EM), Karrar Alofuri (ME-EM).

3. Approval of Agenda [3:01-7:03]

Agenda amended to put all immigration business together including presentations, vote on resolution and discussion.

The amended agenda **passed** on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 587 [7:03-7:45]

The minutes **passed** on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

5. Presentations [8:22-1:20:25]

a. “Overview of the Impact of the Immigration Order” presented by Cassy Tefft de Munoz, Director of International Programs and Services [8:22-17:20]

Info on new web site on the immigration situation was discussed. Cook gave info on Tech joining a group to address the issue. The quickly changing situation and uncertainty was stressed.

b. Nina Mahmoudian faculty member, on immigration ban effects. [17:20-38:00]
An overview of shock was expressed and difficulties to students and to research productivity expressed. ([Link here](#)).

c. Public Comments

Discussion from the floor ensued. A letter to the U.S. President from various groups was mentioned ([Link here](#)).

DeWinter introduced emergency Proposal 10-17: Resolution in Support of our International Colleagues and Students. [38:00-49:04] ([Link here](#)).

Motion passed on voice vote without dissention to have it as an emergency measure. DeWinter talked about key points. Wood moved to strike last paragraph. General discussion on appropriateness

of paragraph ensued. The question was called and ending discussion was passed unanimously. Vote to strike was rejected. Proposal 10-17 **passed** without dissention.

d. “Library Annual Update” presented by Ellen Marks, Director [51:00-1:20:25] ([Link here](#))
Marks gave presentation on many aspects of the library and asked for Senate input. Froese discussed Senate ad hoc committee on the library.

6. President's Report [1:20:25-1:20:30]

None

7. Committee Reports [1:20:30-1:21:54]

a. Election for Academic Integrity Committee
Clancey announced that Stan Vitton was already nominated. No other nominations from floor came forth. Vitton was elected unanimously.

b. Nooshabadi gave a reminder of the President’s Evaluation.

8. Unfinished Business [1:21:54-1:23:11]

a. Proposal 7-17: A Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Electric Power Engineering as part of the degree Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Hungwe went over issues and said that the Curricular Policy Committee supported it. Moved adaption. **PASSED** without dissent.

9. New Business [1:23:11-1:36:18]

a. Proposal 3-17: “Amendment to Senate Procedures 506.1.1: Evaluation Procedures for Department Chairs/School Deans” approved by Administration pending acceptance of editorial changes [1:23:11-1:25:02]

Nooshabadi announced. Proposal **PASSED** without abstention to have it be effective immediately upon passing.

b. Proposal 8-17: Proposed Laptop Requirement for Students in Engineering Fundamentals
First-Year Courses presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee
(Voting Units: Academic) [1:25:02-1:36:18]

Froese for Academic and Instructional Policy Committee stressed urgency. Froese moved to make it an emergency proposal. **PASSED** with one nay vote. Froese discussed cost to students and IT budgets, etc. Proposal **PASSED** with voice vote with 2 nays and 1 abstention.

10. Adjournment

President Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Brian Barkdoll
Secretary of the University Senate