

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 606

March 28, 2018

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

Synopsis:

- Presentations: none
- Committee Reports: none
- Unfinished Business:
 - a. Proposal 5-18: Addition of a Section of the Role of Innovation and Commercialization to the Faculty Handbook – presented **PASSED**
- New Business:
 - a. Proposal 9-17: Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy 6.4 – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - b. Proposal 23-17: Proposed Changes to Faculty Handbook Section 1.5.5 Non-Tenure Track Academic Rank Definitions – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - c. Resolution for Action and Engagement in Sustainable Practice – presented by Brian Barkdoll
 - d. Proposal 22-18 Change to Proposal 504.1.1 Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations – presented by the ad hoc Committee on Potential Teaching Evaluation Bias
 - e. Discussion regarding Presidential search process – presented by Samuel Sweitz

1. Call to Order

President Marty Thompson called the University Senate Meeting 606 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday March 28, 2018.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:16-2:28]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Opplinger, Amador, Cooke, Sutter, Hutchinson, Schmierer, Christianson, Xia, Jones, Gaede, Larkin, Guter, Brassard, Freitag, Liaisons Storer, Wakeham, and Thompson with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Business, Forestry, Visual & Performing Arts, Academic Services C, Administration, Student Affairs & Advancement B and C, Technology, and Liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, Graduate Student Government, Staff Council, and Undergraduate Student Government. Visitors were: Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Hossein Tavakoli (GSG), Debra Charlesworth (Graduate School), and Pushpalatha Murthy (Graduate School).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:28-3:52]

Barkdoll added 2 items: (1) Resolution for Action and Engagement in Sustainable Practice and (2) Proposal 22-18 Change to Proposal 504.1.1 Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations.

Sweitz added an item for Presidential search procedure

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 605 [3:52-4:28]

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

5. Presentations [4:28-4:40]

None

6. President's Report [4:40-4:50]

None

7. Committee Reports [4:50-17:04]

Allred presented on the ad hoc Library Committee on Senate voting. She gave duties of library personnel in [these slides](#). Introduced Proposal 21-18 [included here](#).

8. Unfinished Business [17:04-20:40]

a. Proposal 5-18: Addition of a Section of the Role of Innovation and Commercialization to the Faculty Handbook – presented by Charles Kerfoot.

Kerfoot introduced it. The proposal was **passed** on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

9. New Business [20:40-2:01:07]

a. Proposal 9-17: Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy 6.4 – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [20:40-23:00]

Middlebrook introduced. Discussion ensued.

- b. Proposal 23-17: Proposed Changes to Faculty Handbook Section 1.5.5. Non-Tenure Track Academic Rank Definitions – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [23:00-48:28]

Middlebrook introduced. Discussion ensued.

- c. Resolution for Action and Engagement in Sustainable Practice [48:28-1:08:40]

Barkdoll moved a Sense of the Senate Resolution in support of previously presented document. Vote **PASSED** by a hand vote of 10 for, 8 against, and one abstention.

- d. Proposal 22-18 Change to Proposal 504.1.1 Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations. [1:08:40-1:27:33]

Barkdoll presented on behalf of the ad hoc Committee on Potential Bias on Teaching Evaluations. After discussion, it was decided that the proposal would go back to committee.

- e. Discussion regarding Presidential search process. [1:27:33-2:01:07]

Discussion on the closed section of the Presidential search procedure. It was decided that the Senate Officers would lead an effort to draft a path forward.

10. Public Comments [2:01:07-2:01:09]

None.

11. Adjournment

President Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll
Secretary of the University Senate