

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 607

April 11, 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:
 - a. Administrative Policy – Charles Wallace, Chair
 - b. Faculty Distinguished Service Award – Charles Wallace & Xiaohu Xia, Senate Representatives
 - c. Ad Hoc: Evaluations – Brian Barkdoll, Chair
 - d. Conflict of Interest – Yu Cai, Senate Representative
- Unfinished Business:
 - a. Proposal 15-18: Revision to Senate Policy 416.1: “Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal” – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) **PASSED**
 - b. Proposal 9-17: Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy 6.4 – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
 - c. 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) **PASSED**
 - d. Proposal 19-18: Changing Scheduled Class Times – presented by Brian Barkdoll (Voting Units: Academic) **FAILED**
 - e. Proposal 21-18: Revisions to the Constitution & Bylaws – presented by the Library Ad-Hoc Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) **PASSED**
- New Business:
 - a. Proposal 16-18: Revision to Senate Policy 415.1: “Graduate Appeals of Suspension or Dismissal” – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)
 - b. Proposal 18-18: Academic Calendar 2019-20 and Provisional Calendar 2020-21 – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)
 - c. Proposal 22-18: Modifications to Senate Procedures 504.1.1 Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations – presented by Evaluations Ad Hoc Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - d. Proposal 23-18: Format for Academic Program Proposal – presented by the Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - e. Revision to Proposal 4-93 – presented by Michael Mullins
 - f. Proposal 25-18: Minor in Biomedical Engineering - presented by the Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:28:43-1:34:27]
 - g. Proposal 26-18: Minor in Medical Devices & Instrumentation - presented by the Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:28:43-1:34:27]

- h. Proposal 27-18: Minor in Tissue & Stem Cell Engineering - presented by the Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:28:43-1:34:27]
- i. Revision to Proposal 4-93 – presented by Michael Mullins [1:34:27-1:35:35]
- j. Proposal 28-18: Establish a Policy on Quality of Online Courses– presented by the Academic and Instructional Policy Committee. (Voting Units: Academic). [1:35:35-2:02:54]

1. Call to Order

President Marty Thompson called the University Senate Meeting 607 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 11, 2018.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:16-2:34]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Rajachar, Wood, Cooke, Sutter, Christianson, Jones, Larkin, Brassard, Freitag, Liaisons Storer, Wakeham, and Thompson with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Biomedical Engineering, Geological Mining and Sciences, KIP, Materials Sciences and Engineering, Visual & Performing Arts, Academic Services C, 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), Debra Charlesworth (Graduate School).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:34-3:40]

Middlebrook proposed adding 28-18. The revised agenda was **passed** on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 606 [3:40-4:13]

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

5. Presentations [4:13-4:18]

None

6. President's Report [4:18-11:55]

President Thompson mentioned discussing the Presidential Search and asked for a committee to be formed to talk about the next presidential search. Discussion ensued regarding role and timing of committee. Mullins proposed the Sen Exec hold an open mtg. Voice vote **passed** unanimously.

7. Committee Reports [11:55-30:50]

a. Administrative Policy – Charles Wallace, Chair [11:55-19:50]

Wallace gave AIPC vision statement in [these slides](#). Suggestion made to clarify proposal kind. Wallace then gave a summary of the AIPC activities for this past year in [these slides](#).

b. Faculty Distinguished Service Award – Charles Wallace & Xiaohu Xia, Senate Representatives [19:50-22:13]

Wallace gave a summary of committee activities [given here](#).

c. Ad Hoc: Evaluations – Brian Barkdoll, Chair [22:13-22:34]

Barkdoll told committee composition and progress.

d. Conflict of Interest – Yu Cai, Senate Representative [22:34-30:50]

Cai gave [these slides](#) telling of committee membership, duties, and activities.

8. Unfinished Business [30:50-1:00:08]

a. Proposal 15-18: Revision to Senate Policy 416.1: “Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal” – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic Senate) [30:50-42:13]

Middlebrook introduced proposal and showed [these slides](#). Wallace suggested word change and there was discussion. Charlesworth gave importance of the issue and urged passage of proposal as is. Amador suggested changing language. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without abstention.

b. Proposal 9-17: Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy 6.4 – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [42:13-44:37]

Middlebrook introduced proposal and showed [these slides](#). Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without abstention.

- c. 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) [44:37-46:37]

Middlebrook introduced proposal and showed [these slides](#). Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without abstention.

- d. Proposal 19-18: Changing Scheduled Class Times – presented by Brian Barkdoll (Voting Units: Academic) [46:37-58:34]

Barkdoll gave intro. Proposal **failed** by a vote of 15 to 11.

- e. Proposal 21-18: Revisions to the Constitution & Bylaws – presented by the Library Ad-Hoc Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)[58:34-1:00:08]

Allred gave introduction in these slides. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without abstention.

9. New Business [1:00:08-2:02:54]

- a. Proposal 16-18: Revision to Senate Policy 415.1: “Graduate Appeals of Suspension or Dismissal” – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) [1:00:08-1:02:42]

Middlebrook gave [these slides](#).

- b. Proposal 18-18: Academic Calendar 2019-20 and Provisional Calendar 2020-21 – presented by the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) [1:02:42-1:05:40]

Middlebrook gave [these slides](#).

- c. Proposal 22-18: Modifications to Senate Procedures 504.1.1 Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations – presented by Evaluations Ad Hoc Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:05:40-1:08:22]

Barkdoll gave summary and rationale.

- d. Proposal 23-18: Format for Academic Program Proposal – presented by the Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:08:22-1:28:43]

Hungwe introduced the proposal. Patchin gave concerns about market for new degrees. Discussion ensued on the value of degrees and relation to accreditation.

e. Proposal 24-18: Minor in Biomaterials – presented by the Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:28:43-1:34:27]

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Mullins explained the issue and tabled the proposal.

j. Proposal 28-18: Establish a Policy on Quality of Online Courses– presented by the Academic and Instructional Policy Committee. (Voting Units: Academic). [1:35:35-2:02:54]

Toorongian explained the need for the policy and showed [these slides](#). Discussion ensued on other policies related to online instruction and teaching evaluation effects.

10. Public Comments [2:02:54-2:03:37]

Mentioned Sense of the Senate resolution on sustainability appearing on the news.

11. Adjournment

President Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate