The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 612

October 10, 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. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador
  b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook
  c. Curricular Policy – Chair
  d. Elections – Chair
  e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin
  f. Fringe Benefits – Chair
  g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai
  h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr
  i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot
  j. Ad Hoc Committee – Brian Barkdoll
- Unfinished Business:
  a. Proposal 1-19: “Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units; Full Senate) PASSED
  b. Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate) TABLED
- New Business: none

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 612 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 10, 2018.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:11-2:50]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Kerfoot, Rahachar, Middlebrook, Allred, Huentemeyer, Rudnicki, Christianson, Viera-Ramos, Gaede, Larkin, Guter, Will, Siekas, Brassard, and Knudstrup with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Library, School of Forestry, Visual and Performing Arts, Academic Services B and C, and Student Affairs & Advancement C, Administration, Research, liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, and Staff Council. Visitors were: Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Audrey Mayer (Provost’s Office), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser, and Jeremy Brown (Chemistry).
3. Approval of Agenda [2:50-4:13]
Amador moved to add a presentation by Audrey Mayer.
The revised agenda was passed on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 611 [4:13-4:14]
The minutes were passed on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

Meyer gave these slides on 2018 Climate Study. Discussion ensued.

   a. Disposition of Proposals – 3-19, 4-19, 5-19 in preparation
   b. Volunteers/nominees needed for the following Ad Hoc Committees
      1. Parking and Transportation Ad Hoc Committee being formed by Chris Middlebrook
      2. Consensual Relations Working Group volunteers still needed. Mullins asked for volunteers but nobody did so.
      3. Textbook Accessibility lead by Kerfoot. Toorongian mentioned CTL efforts as well.
      4. Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching
      5. Senate Parliamentarian possible but bylaws would have to be changed.

7. Committee Reports [31:14-44:46]
   a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: 2 proposals on web site. Dean and Chair search committee issues. Also CATPR extension on tenure period.
   b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: none. Mullins mentioned Presidential Evaluation form is being worked on.
   c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough: Archer gave update on shelvings.
   d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: 2 positions on CATPR coming up. Also Chair and Dean evaluations.
   e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: first meeting coming up.
   f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: working on agenda.
   g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: work with IT Governance Committee and Online Task Force. Huntoon gave update on the task force.
   h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Nancy Barr: Preliminary list of questions being formed.
i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot: Mazzoleni gave report on textbooks and grad student endowment. Mullins mentioned “IRAD tax” issue and asked committee to look at it.

j. CFO Search Committee: Beffle gave report. First meeting coming up.

8. Unfinished Business [44:46-1:03:36]

a. Proposal 1-19: “Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units; Full Senate)
Mullins showed updates. Discussion ensued. The motion was made, seconded, and PASSED on a voice vote.

b. Proposal 2-19: “Revision to Policy 104.1 Developing Academic Policy at MTU” presented by Senate Executive Committee (Voting Units: Full Senate)
Mullins introduced Provost Huntoon who gave an update on suggestions and other efforts on policy. Proposal was TABLED.

9. New Business [1:03:36-1:03:46]

None.

10. Public Comments [1:03:46-1:08:04]

Mehendale asked about Career Fair issues with courses and asked if it was possible to have half a day recess. Mehendale volunteered to be on the Academic and Instructional Policy Committee who was assigned this issue. Amador asked about Proposal 2-19 being handled by his committee and it was assigned thus.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Brian Barkdoll
Secretary of the University Senate