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

Synopsis:

Presentations:
Finance Committee Report presented by the Senate Finance Committee

Committee Reports:
  a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador
  b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook
  c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burl
  d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson
  e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin
  f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz
  g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai
  h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Rachel Jones
  i. Research Policy – Chair Charlie Kerfoot
  j. Ad Hoc Committee – Brian Barkdoll

Unfinished Business:
  a. Proposal 10-19 “Modification of Graduate Faculty Status in Faculty Handbook” presented by Research Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) PASSED
  b. Proposal 13-19: “Proposal for Minor in Sustainable Biomaterials” presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) PASSED
  c. Proposal 24-19: “Proposal for a New Graduate Degree Program “Masters in Engineering Management (MEM)” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee PASSED
  d. Proposal 28-19: “Modify Class Start Times” presented by Brian Barkdoll and Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All) PASSED
  e. Proposal 29-19: “A Proposal to Reinstate (Unshelfe) the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mining Engineering” presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) PASSED

New Business:
  a. Proposal 32-19: “Replace Senate Policy 411.1: Graduate Certificates” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee
  c. Proposal 36-19: “Defining Cross-Listed and Dual-Listed Courses” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee
  d. Proposal 37-19: “Proposal to Change the University Defined Contribution Plan to a 10% Base Contribution with a 2.5% 1:1 Match” presented by Fringe Benefits Committee
Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 620 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday March 6, 2019.

Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:19-4:48]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Holstrom, Trewartha, Kempainen, Cooke, Tewari, Mehendale, Christianson, Beffle, Vierra-Ramos, Jones, Gaede, Larkin, Siekas, and Aho or Liaisons Webster, or Bishop, with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, ME-EM, Visual and Performing Arts, and Eng, and Academic Services B and C, and Liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council and the Staff Council. Visitors were: John Gierke (GMES), Natalie Wohlgamuth (USG), Soonkwan Hong (SBE), Mari Buche (SBE), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Debra Charlesworth (Graduate School), and Nathaniel Yenor (Innovation & Commercialization).

Approval of Agenda [4:48-5:39]

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

Approval of Minutes from Meeting 619 [5:39-6:20]

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

Presentations [6:20-34:39]

“Michigan Tech Financial Overview” Finance Committee Report presented by the Senate Finance Committee

Patchin gave these slides.

a. Disposition of Proposals
   i. 14-19, “Proposal to Shelve Certificate Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)”
   ii. 15-19, “Proposal to Shelve Minor Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)”
   iii. 17-19, “Proposal for a New Concentration in Data Analytics Within the BS in Accounting”
   iv. 25-19, “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Nanotechnology”

b. Recap Board of Trustee’s Presentation, Mullins gave these slides.

c. Request for Senate input on University initiatives
   i. Graduate School Performance Review Committee

7. Committee Reports [39:25-54:49]

   a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: none.
   b. Administrative Policy – Chair Chris Middlebrook: Met with Shane Mueller regarding faculty survey.
   c. Curricular Policy – Chair Jeff Burrough: Rajachar gave an update.
   d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: survey on Senate evaluation is out now.
   e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Steve Patchin: updating budget process.
   f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: none.
   g. Information Technology – Chair Yu Cai: none.
   h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Rachel Jones: analyzing staff survey and re-examining reorganization effects Senate membership.
   j. Ad hoc on textbook availability – Charlie Kerfoot: proposal coming up in grad faculty status. Also draft of textbook proposal is being worked on.
   l. Parking and Transportation – Chris Middlebrook: presented these slides on parking survey results.
   m. Teaching Evaluation – Brian Barkdoll: proposal finished to be introduced next meeting.


   a. Proposal 10-19 “Modification of Graduate Faculty Status in Faculty Handbook” presented by Research Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

   Kerfoot and Pushpa introduced. PASSED without dissent by voice vote.

Rudnicki introduced. **PASSED** without dissent by voice vote.

c. Proposal 24-19: “Proposal for a New Graduate Degree Program “Masters in Engineering Management (MEM)’’ presented by Curricular Policy Committee

Buche introduced. **PASSED** without dissent by voice vote.

d. Proposal 28-19: “Modify Class Start Times” presented by Brian Barkdoll and Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Barkdoll introduced. Discussion ensued. **PASSED** by iClicker by a vote of 16 yes to 13 no.

e. Proposal 29-19: “A Proposal to Reinstate (Unshelve) the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mining Engineering” presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Gierke introduced. **PASSED** without dissent by voice vote.

9. **New Business** [45:15-2:00:34]

a. Proposal 32-19: “Replace Senate Policy 411.1: Graduate Certificates” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Cantrell from Graduate School introduced. Questions and discussion ensued.


Rajachar introduced.

c. Proposal 36-19: “Defining Cross-Listed and Dual-Listed Courses” presented by Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Amador introduced.

d. Proposal 37-19: “Proposal to Change the University Defined Contribution Plan to a 10% Base Contribution with a 2.5% 1:1 Match” presented by Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz and Guter introduced. Discussion ensued.
e. Proposal 38-19: “Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award” presented by Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Mullins introduced.

f. Proposal 39-19: “Proposal to Constitute a Representative University Benefits Planning Committee” presented by Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz introduced. Discussion ensued.

10. Public Comments [2:00:34-2:01:20]

None.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate