The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 625

September 11, 2019

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

Synopsis:

- Presentations:
  a. Having Productive Senate Meetings Presented by Senate President Mike Mullins
  b. Roberts Rules Cheat Sheet Presented by Senate President Mike Mullins

- Committee Reports:
  a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Convener Carlos Amador
  b. Administrative Policy – Convener Christopher Middlebrook
  c. Curricular Policy – Convener Jeff Burl
  d. Elections – Convener Robert Hutchinson – Election of Senate Representative for VP of Diversity Search Committee
  e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Fringe Benefits – Convener Sam Sweitz
  f. Information Technology – Convener Yu Cai
  g. Professional Staff Policy – Convener Rachel Jones
  h. Research Policy – Convener Charles Kerfoot

- Unfinished Business:

- New Business:
  a. Proposal 1-20: “Ad-Hoc Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length” Presented by Executive Committee
  b. Proposal 3-20: “Recommendation: The School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science requests to Transition to a College” Presented by Executive Committee
  c. Proposal 4-20: “Recommendation: The School of Business and Economics requests to Transition to a College, ‘The College of Business’” Presented by Executive Committee

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 625 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday September 11, 2019.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:16-3:52]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Allred, Tewari, Rudnicki, O’Kane, Gaede, Siekas, Brassard, and Aho, with no representatives from Army/Air
Force ROTC, Academic Services B and C, Auxileries, and Student Affairs & Advancement A, liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, Staff Council, and Undergraduate Student Government. Visitors were: Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Davis Flashpohler (SFRES), Jaclie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Dean Johnson (SBE), Amy Howard (CDI), Andrew Storer (SFRES), and Sue Kerry (President’s Office).

3. Approval of Agenda [4:37-5:00]
The agenda was passed on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 623 and 624 [3:52-4:37 and 5:00-5:30]
The minutes were passed on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

5. Presentations [5:30-20:26]

a. Having Productive Senate Meetings Presented by Senate President Mike Mullins

b. Roberts Rules Cheat Sheet Presented by Senate President Mike Mullins

a. Special Election for new Senate Vice President
   Hutchinson ran election and Guter was elected by iClicker by a vote of Guter 18 and Knudstrup 10

b. Disposition of Proposals
   i. Administrative response on 8-19: Sabbatical for Lecturer Track Faculty, 37-19: Change to University Defined Contribution
   Huntoon gave an update on proposals.
   
   ii. Administrative approval on 36-19: Defining Cross-Listed and Dual Listed Courses, 41-19: Update Senate Procedure 504.1.1, 44-19: Career Fair Recess, Proposal 46-19: Faculty Appointments for University Librarians and Archivists, 47-19:

7. Committee Reports [33:16-44:54]
a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Convener Carlos Amador
b. Administrative Policy – Convener Christopher Middlebrook

c. Curricular Policy – Convener Jeff Burl

d. Elections – Convener Robert Hutchinson – Election of Senate Representative for VP of Diversity Search Committee

Hutchinson ran election with an iClicker vote of Amador 14 and Beffle 15

e. Finance and Institutional Planning –

f. Fringe Benefits – Convener Sam Sweitz

g. Information Technology – Convener Yu Cai

h. Professional Staff Policy – Convener Rachel Jones

Jones gave an update about recent activities especially Senate meeting time and length, mandatory supervisor training, Senate issues being a part of new employee orientation, and organization of staff units.

i. Research Policy – Convener Charles Kerfoot

Kerfoot asked for nominations for search cmte for Grad Dean. Gave updates on textbook equal access, grant processing, HSTEM bldg., and IRAD.

8. Unfinished Business [44:54-46:26]

Proposal 51-19: “Senate Budget 2019-2020” Presented by Finance Committee

PASSED unanimously by voice vote without abstention.


a. Proposal 1-20: “Ad-Hoc Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length” Presented by Executive Committee

Jones gave rationale.

b. Proposal 3-20: "Recommendation: The School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science requests to Transition to a College" Presented by Executive Committee

Storer gave rationale.
c. Proposal 4-20: “Recommendation: The School of Business and Economics requests to Transition to a College, ‘The College of Business’” Presented by Executive Committee

Johnson gave rationale.

10. Public Comments [1:05:46-1:06:54]

Jones told of renamed and located food pantry.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate