

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

## Minutes of Meeting 628

October 23, 2019

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

### Synopsis:

- Presentations: none
- Unfinished Business:
  - None
- New Business:
  - a. Proposal 8-20: “[Restructuring of Professional Staff in the University Senate](#)” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: Staff)
  - b. Resolution 9-20: “[Senate Resolution on the State of Compensation at Michigan Technological University](#)” Presented by Executive Committee (Voting Units: All)

### 1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 627 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 9, 2019.

### 2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:20-3:20]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Heiden, Trewartha, Kemppainen, Tewari, Loar, Cai, and O’Kane, and with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Chemisrty, Cognitive and Learning Sciences, Academic Services B and C, Auxiliaries, and Student Affairs & Advancement A or liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council. Visitors were: Rick Koubeck (President’s Office), Susan Kerry (President’s Office), David Reed (Research), Gorman (Dean of Students), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Sarah Schulte (President’s Office), John Lehman (University Relations and Enrollment), Bill Kordenbrock (President’s Office), Andrew Storer (SFRES), and Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration).

### 3. Approval of Agenda [3:20-3:30]

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

#### **4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 626 [3:30-3:47]**

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

#### **5. Presentations [3:47-57:17]**

Univ President Koubek: “Five Year Fast Forward” (this presentation will not be posted on the Senate’s web site but is available by request to Heather Herman)

President Koubek showed [these slides which are viewable in the meeting recording](#) and are ISO password protected. Introduced Sarah Schulte General Council, John Lehman, Provost Jackie Huntoon and VP of Research Dave Reed, Bill Kordenbrock and Susan Kerry CFO also talked. Questions and answers ensued.

#### **6. President’s Report [57:17-57:20]**

Administration responded to Proposal 45-19: Proposal to Change the Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan (TRIP) Benefit to 100% for Dependents, Spouses, and Designated Eligible Univ President Koubek: “Five Year Fast Forward” (this presentation will not be posted on the Senate’s web site but is available by request to Heather Herman)

#### **7. Committee Reports [57:20-1:03:28]**

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy –Carlos Amador: 2 items on agenda
- b. Administrative Policy – Mark Rudnicki: on track for timeline
- c. Curricular Policy – Josh Loar and Amber Kempainen: no report.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: several vacancies in a form sent by email.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – no chair yet but Senate budget needs prepared.
- f. Fringe Benefits –Sam Sweitz: agenda set, 8 proposals
- g. Information Technology –Yu Cai: no report
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Steve Knudstrup: will withdraw proposal on training.
- i. Research Policy –Charles Kerfoot: working on textbook initiative
- j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length: Steve Knudstrup got Senators on ad hoc cmtes.
  2. Committee to review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Barkdoll said 9 people volunteered and will work with the AIP cmte

**8. Unfinished Business** [1:03:28-1:04:04]

a. Proposal 6-20: “[Supervisor Training for all Supervisors](#)” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Withdrawn by cmte.

**9. New Business** [1:04:04-1:20:20]

a. Proposal 8-20: “[Restructuring of Professional Staff in the University Senate](#)” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: Staff)

Knudstrup gave overview. Discussion ensued.

b. Resolution 9-20: “[Senate Resolution on the State of Compensation at Michigan Technological University](#)” Presented by Executive Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz gave overview. Much discussion ensued. Concerns to be considered by the proposing cmte.

**10. Public Comments** [1:20:20-1:20:24]

None.

**11. Adjournment**

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate