

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 629

November 6, 2019

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

Synopsis:

- Presentations:
 - a. Mike Abbott, Director of H-STEM Planning and Operations: H-STEM Conceptual Design Presentation.
- Unfinished Business:
 - a. Proposal 8-20: “[Restructuring of Professional Staff in the University Senate](#)” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: Staff)
- New Business:
 - None

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 629 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday November 6, 2019.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:15-2:43]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Rajachar, Hazavah, Middlebrook, Allred, Huentemeyer, O’Kane, Viera-Ramos, Jones, Archer, Brassard, Griffis, and Brown with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Academic Services B and C, Auxiliaries, Research, and Student Affairs & Advancement A or liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council. Visitors were: Susan Kerry (President’s Office), John Hackmeier (AFSCME), Steve Store (AFSCME), Jean Kampe for Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Andrew Storer (SFRES), Tristan Duelge (student), and Jeremy Brown (Chemistry).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:43-3:12]

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 628 [3:12-4:09]

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

5. Presentations [4:09-35:44]

- a. Mike Abbott, Director of H-STEM Planning and Operations: H-STEM Conceptual Design Presentation.

Abbott showed **these slides**.

6. President's Report [35:44-1:02:06]

- a. New University TRIP Policy

Mullins summarized and showed **these slides**. Questions ensued.

- b. Administration approval of Proposal 5-20: "University Senate in New Employee Orientation"

7. Committee Reports [1:02:06-1:16:58]

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy –Carlos Amador: no activity.
- b. Administrative Policy – Mark Rudnicki: no report on Presidential Evaluation
- c. Curricular Policy – Josh Loar and Amber Kempainen: looking at new degree program from Math.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: still some position open on committees. Will open it up to all constituents.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Mullins looking for a chair to work on budget.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Sam Sweitz: working on a number of proposals.
- g. Information Technology – Jingfeng Jiang is the new chair. Getting organized.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Steve Knudstrup: answered many questions on current proposal.
- i. Research Policy –Charles Kerfoot: monthly meetings. Working on textbook issues. IRAD fee was removed.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - 1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length - Steve Knudstrup: deferred to Barkdoll who gave background of trying to make Senate available for senators with families by having meetings during office hours.
 - 2. Committee to review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Brian Barkdoll: had 2 meetings outlining the issues and will set semester agenda next meeting.

8. Unfinished Business [1:16:58-1:49:07]

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

Knudstrup summarized alterations. **PASSED** by staff voice vote without abstention.

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

Mullins stepped out of chair to talk about the proposal. Beffel made amendment to add language on under-represented group salary. Amendment **passed** on voice vote with 2 dissenting votes. Kemppainen proposed an additional bullet at the end regarding under-represented compensation. Amendment **passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Amended resolution **PASSED** with one dissenting vote.

9. New Business [1:49:07-1:49:10]

None.

10. Public Comments [1:49:10-1:49:11]

None.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate