The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 631

December 11, 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:
  a. Proposal 2-20: “Proposal for a new Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
  b. Proposal 10-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Accounting Analytics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
  c. Proposal 11-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Forensic Accounting” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
  d. Proposal 12-20: “Proposal for an Undergraduate Minor in Pre-Health Professions” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

- New Business:
  c. Proposal 17-20: “Senate Resolution on Promoting and Facilitating Tolerance and Understanding at Michigan Technological University” Presented by: Sam Sweitz (Voting Units: All)
  d. Proposal 18-20: “Proposal to Examine the University Defined Contribution Plan” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)
  e. Proposal 19-20: “Senate Proposal on Campus Security and Safety at Michigan Technological University”

1. **Call to Order**

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 631 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday December 11, 2019.

2. **Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors** [0:20-2:38]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Rajachar, Heiden, Middlebrook, Waite, Tewari, O’Kane, Viera-Ramos, Jones, Howard, Hoffman, Griffis, Brown, and Aho with no representatives from Chemistry, Electrical and Computer Engineering, ME-EM,
Academic Services B and C, Auxiliaries, Finance, and Student Affairs & Advancement A and C, or liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council. Visitors were: Andrew Storer (SFRES), Dean Johnson (College of Business), Joel Tuoriniemi (College of Business), Nicole Seigneurie (College of Sciences and Arts), Steve Store (AFSCME), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Apurva Baruah, (Graduate Student Government), Christina Welch (Graduate Student Government), Mark Gockenbach (Math Sciences), and Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:38-3:20]

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 630 [3:20-3:53]

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


None

6. President’s Report [4:09-5:54]

a. Sabbatical for Non-Tenure Track Faculty - Update

7. Committee Reports [5:54-24:22]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Carlos Amador: working on policy reconciliation.
c. Curricular Policy – Josh Loar and Amber Kemppainen: proposals at this meeting and more coming.
e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Middlebrook agreed to be interim chair.
g. Information Technology – Jingfeng Jiang: no report.
h. Professional Staff Policy – Steve Knudstrup: no report.
i. Research Policy – Charles Kerfoot: textbook funding proposal is almost ready.
j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
   1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length - Barkdoll: survey is out.
2. Committee to review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Barkdoll: survey on attitudes on online learning is being prepared.


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Huntoon gave info on Sabbatical for Non-Tenure Track Faculty will come back to Senate. Reminded to take Diversity training. Requested agendas in a timelier manner. Mentioned timeliness of graduate student proposal.

Amador mentioned wait lists for courses for AIPC.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate