

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:
 - a. [Proposal 15-20](#): “Tams for Graduating PhDs at Commencement” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - b. [Proposal 16-20](#): “Proposal for Transparency in Employee Parking Permit Fees and Transportation Operations Planning” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)
 - 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

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.

5. Presentations [3:53-4:09]

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.
- b. Administrative Policy – Mark Rudnicki: showed draft Presidential evaluation survey questions. Asked for feedback.
- c. Curricular Policy – Josh Loar and Amber Kemppainen: proposals at this meeting and more coming.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: Faculty Review Cmte still needs 2 members. Grad School Dean search proceeding. Mullins asked for replacement for Viera Ramos.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Middlebrook agreed to be interim chair.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Sam Sweitz: nothing to report.
- 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.

8. Unfinished Business [24:22-35:14]

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)

Loar introduced the proposal. The proposal was **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

b. [Proposal 10-20](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Accounting Analytics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced the proposal. The proposal was **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

c. [Proposal 11-20](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Forensic Accounting” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced the proposal. The proposal was **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

d. [Proposal 12-20](#): “Proposal for an Undergraduate Minor in Pre-Health Professions” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

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9. New Business [35:14-1:41:36]

a. [Proposal 15-20](#): “Tams for Graduating PhDs at Commencement” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Burua and Welch from GSG presented. Discussion ensued.

b. [Proposal 16-20](#): “Proposal for Transparency in Employee Parking Permit Fees and Transportation Operations Planning” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz introduced. Discussion ensued.

c. [Proposal 17-20](#): “Senate Resolution on Promoting and Facilitating Tolerance and Understanding at Michigan Technological University” Presented by: Sam Sweitz (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz introduced.

d. [Proposal 18-20](#): “Proposal to Examine the University Defined Contribution Plan” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz introduced. Discussion ensued.

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10. Public Comments [1:41:36-1:46:12]

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