

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

## Minutes of Meeting 632

January 22, 2020

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 15-20](#): “Tams for Graduating PhDs at Commencement” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **WITHDRAWN**
  - b. [Proposal 16-20](#): “Proposal for Transparency in Employee Parking Permit Fees and Transportation Operations Planning” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All) **PASSED**
  - c. [Proposal 17-20](#): “Senate Resolution on Promoting and Facilitating Tolerance and Understanding at Michigan Technological University” Presented by: Sam Sweitz (Voting Units: All) **PASSED**
  - d. [Proposal 18-20](#): “Proposal to Examine the University Defined Contribution Plan” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All) **PASSED**
  - e. [Proposal 19-20](#): “Senate Proposal on Campus Security and Safety at Michigan Technological **PASSED**
- New Business:
  - a. Proposal 20-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Human Biology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
  - b. Proposal 23-20: “Proposal to Change Concentration Title from “Law and Society” to “Policy, Law and Society”” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

### 1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 632 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday January 22, 2020.

### 2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:20-2:26]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Rajachar, Wang, Tewari, O’Kane, Jones, Howard, Griffis, Aho, and Webster with no representatives from ROTC, Biomedical Engineering, Materials Science & Eng., Academic Services B and C, and Student Affairs & Advancement A and C, or liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council. Visitors were: Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Pushpa Murthy (Graduate School), Brian Cadwell

(Public Safety/Police Services), Audrey Mayer (Provost's Office), Jacqueline Gebhardt (GLRC), and Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office).

### **3. Approval of Agenda [2:26-3:27]**

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

### **4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 631 [3:27-4:15]**

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

### **5. Presentations [4:15-31:27]**

#### **a. H-STEM updates with Mike Abbott**

Abbott gave [these slides](#). Asked for feedback on restrooms. Discussion ensued.

### **6. President's Report [31:27-35:40]**

- a. Update on non-tenure track sabbaticals: Huntoon gave update. Draft proposal being reviewed.
- b. Unfilled positions on committees (Sabbatical Leave and CATPR): People needed.
- c. Upcoming presentations: accepting suggestions. Susan Kerry and Ombuds office will be invited. Pushpa will come for Graduate School issues.

### **7. Committee Reports [35:40-49:36]**

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy –Carlos Amador: No report.
- b. Administrative Policy – Mark Rudnicki: Presidential review draft survey sent to Board for review and provided comments.
- c. Curricular Policy – Josh Loar and Amber Kemppainen: proposals on this agenda and some more coming.
- d. Elections –Robert Hutchinson: announcement coming out for Graduate School Dean. Open meeting coming up.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chris Middlebrook: meeting coming up tomorrow. Met with Provosts office regarding Senate budget.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Sam Sweitz: 2 proposals tonight
- g. Information Technology – Jingfeng Jiang: no report
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Steve Knudstrup: no report

- i. Research Policy –Charles Kerfoot: final draft of proposal ready and being reviewed. Textbook committee being revived to help.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  - 1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length - Barkdoll: Barkdoll showed [these slides](#) on the survey results.
  - 2. Committee to review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Barkdoll:

## **8. Unfinished Business [49:36-1:15:23]**

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

Mullins withdrew the proposal.

- 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. Motion to vote passed. Vote **PASSED** unanimously without dissent or abstention.

- 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. Vote **PASSED** unanimously without dissent or abstention.

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

Sweitz introduced. Vote **PASSED** unanimously without dissent or abstention.

- e. [Proposal 19-20](#): “Senate Proposal on Campus Security and Safety at Michigan Technological University Presented by: Sam Sweitz (Voting Units: All)

Sweitz introduced. Discussion ensued. Cadwell gave comments. Brassard and Rudnicki made amendment. Amended proposal **PASSED** unanimously without dissent or abstention.

## **9. New Business [1:15:23-1:30:28]**

- a. [Proposal 20-20](#): “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Human Biology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Loar introduced. Discussion ensued.

b. Proposal 23-20: “Proposal to Change Concentration Title from “Law and Society” to “Policy, Law and Society”” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen introduced. Discussion ensued.

#### **10. Public Comments [1:30:28-1:37:30]**

Gebhardt proposed MLK day as a holiday. Mullins assigned it to Professional Staff Policy and Academic and Instructional Policy Committees. Discussion ensued.

Hontoon reported on Dean of College of Computing search. No schools exist anymore at MTU so policy changes may be needed.

#### **11. Adjournment**

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate