

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 634

February 19, 2020

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

Synopsis:

- Presentations:
 - a. Michigan Tech Office of OMBUDS
 - b. Provost Jacqueline Huntoon

- Unfinished Business:
 - a. Proposal 21-20: “Proposal for Minor in Public Health” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
 - b. Proposal 22-20: “Proposal 22-20: “Minor in Financial Technology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
 - c. Proposal 28-20: “Recommendation: The College of Computing Requests to Establish a Department of Applied Computing” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

- New Business:
 - a. Proposal 24-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - b. Proposal 25-20: “Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - c. Proposal 29-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Computer Science – Software Engineering Concentration” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - d. Proposal 31-20: “Revisions to Senate Procedures 802.1.1 SEARCH PROCEDURE FOR COLLEGE DEANS” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee and the Office of the Provost (Voting Units: All)
 - e. Proposal 33-20: “Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - f. Proposal 34-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 306.1: Policy on Humanistic Social Courses” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 634 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday February 19, 2020.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:59-3:05]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Heiden, Amador, Tewari, Rudnicki, Loar, O’Kane, Jones, Howard, Brassard, Griffis, and Webster with no representatives from ROTC, Chemistry, Humanities, MEEM, Forestry, Academic Services B and C, and Student Affairs & Advancement A, or liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council.

Visitors were: Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), John Lehman (University Marketing and Enrollment), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Dan Fuhrmann (College of Computing), Adrienne Minerick (College of Computing), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Sue Kerry (CFO), Heather Knewton (College of Business), Casey Huckins (Biology), Mari Buche (School of Business), Kelly Kamm (KIP), Sarah Schulte (General Counsel), and Susanna Peters (Ombuds).

3. Approval of Agenda [3:05-5:10]

Motion to add presentation by Provost Huntoon. The motion was **passed** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

Remove Proposal 25-20 Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering” and add to New Business Proposal 30-20 Elimination of Shelved Programs. The motion was **passed** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 633 [5:10-6:35]

“Knewton” misspelled.

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

5. Presentations [6:35-58:07]

a. Michigan Tech Office of OMBUDS [6:35-11:57]

Ombuds Susanna Peters gave [these slides](#). Questions ensued.

b. Provost Jacqueline Huntoon [11:57-58:07]

Huntoon gave [these slides](#). Discussion ensued. General Council Schulte clarified some points.

6. President’s Report [58:07-59:38]

Mullins read out units who have not posted processes for teaching evaluations.

a. Administrative acknowledgements of proposals:

i. Proposal 19-20: Senate Proposal on Campus Security and Safety at Michigan Technological University; Proposal 18-20: Proposal to Examine the University Defined Contribution Plan; Proposal 17-20: Senate Resolution on Promoting and Facilitating Tolerance and Understanding at Michigan Technological University; Proposal 16-20: Proposal for Transparency in Employee Parking Permit Fees and Transportation Operations Planning

7. Committee Reports [59:38-1:05:58]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy –Carlos Amador: not present.

b. Administrative Policy – Mark Rudnicki: Ashley gave summary of progress on Presidential Survey.

c. Curricular Policy – Josh Loar and Amber Kempainen: proposals later in the meeting.

d. Elections –Robert Hutchinson: all committees currently filled.

e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chris Middlebrook: no report.

f. Fringe Benefits – Sam Sweitz: met with CFO and draft of benefits committee. CFO also gave info.

g. Information Technology – Jingfeng Jiang: no report.

h. Professional Staff Policy – Steve Knudstrup: MLK Day issues still being discussed.

i. Research Policy –Charles Kerfoot: reconstituted textbook ad hoc cmte. Proposal almost finished

j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length - Barkdoll: asked Registrar for available times.

2. Committee to review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Barkdoll: survey is ready to go out next week.

k. Committee on Tolerance: Sam Sweitz asked for nominees for the committee.

8. Unfinished Business [1:05:58-1:16:25]

a. Proposal 21-20: “Proposal for Minor in Public Health” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:05:58-1:09:02]

Kempainen introduced. Kelly Kamm commented.

Proposal **PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

b. Proposal 22-20: “Proposal 22-20: “Minor in Financial Technology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:09:02-1:11:07]

Kemppainen introduced. Knewtson commented.

Proposal **PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

c. Proposal 28-20: “Recommendation: The College of Computing Requests to Establish a Department of Applied Computing” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:11:07-1:16:25]

Kemppainen introduced. Fuhrmann introduced and commented. Discussion ensued.

Proposal **PASSED** without dissent or abstention.

9. New Business [1:16:25-1:25:21]

a. Proposal 24-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:16:25-1:19:20]

Kemppainen introduced. Huckins commented.

b. Proposal 25-20: “Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:19:20-1:19:36]

Kemppainen introduced. Postponed.

c. Proposal 29-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Computer Science – Software Engineering Concentration” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:19:36-1:20:10]

Kemppainen introduced.

New Proposal introduced for shelving programs. [1:20:10-1:21:23]

No interest in keeping. Discussion ensued.

e. Proposal 34-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 306.1: Policy on Humanistic Social Courses” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:21:23-1:22:32]

Kemppainen introduced.

d. Proposal 31-20: “Revisions to Senate Procedures 802.1.1 SEARCH PROCEDURE FOR COLLEGE DEANS” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee and the Office of the Provost (Voting Units: All) [1:22:32-1:24:16]

Kemppainen introduced. Huntoon commented.

e. Proposal 33-20: “Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:24:16-1:25:21]

Mullins introduced.

10. Public Comments [1:25:21-1:25:30]

None.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate