

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 635

March 4, 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 24-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

PASSED

b. Proposal 25-20: “Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

c. Proposal 29-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Computer Science – Software Engineering Concentration” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

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) **TABLED**

e. Proposal 33-20: “Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

f. Proposal 34-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 306.1: Policy on Humanistic Social Courses” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **TABLED**

- New Business:

Proposal 35-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 108.2: Cooperative Education Program (Undergraduate)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 635 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday March 4, 2020.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:20-2:43]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Rajachar, Heiden, Middlebrook, Rudnicki, O’Kane, Jones, Archer, Brassard, Griffis, Brown, Olson, and Liaisons

Webster, Short, or Merkaj with no representatives from ROTC, Chemistry, Academic Services B and C, Auxiliaries, and Student Affairs & Advancement A, B, or C, or liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, Staff Council, or Undergraduate Student Government.

Visitors were: Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration), Jean Kampe (Provost's Office), Dan Fuhrmann (College of Computing), Janet Callahan (College of Engineering), Casey Huckins (Biology), Leonard Bohmann (College of Engineering), Travis Wakeham (Biological Sciences), and Orhan Soykan (Biomedical Engineering).

3. Approval of Agenda [2:43-4:34]

Loar added 2 CPC items to New Business: BS programs on Robotics and Mechatronics

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 634 [4:34-6:00]

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

5. Presentations [6:00-6:15]

None.

6. President's Report [6:15-10:45]

a. Recap Board of Trustees Presentation

Mullins gave update regarding evaluation comments and assigning of professional learning credits. Mullins also mentioned upgrading Senate meeting room to improve audio and video.

7. Committee Reports [10:45-33:30]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy –Carlos Amador: working on verbiage for syllabi regarding evaluations and network of concern.

b. Administrative Policy – Mark Rudnicki: no report. Mullins mentioned Presidential survey.

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

d. Elections –Robert Hutchinson: no report.

e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chris Middlebrook: Mullins mentioned meeting about Senate budget.

f. Fringe Benefits – Sam Sweitz: survey to Chairs and Deans re dual career hiring. New benefits committee being formed.

- g. Information Technology – Jingfeng Jiang: no report.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Steve Knudstrup: Committee meeting with Renee Hiller re MLK holiday.
- i. Research Policy –Charles Kerfoot: 3 things, (1) grant proposal on textbooks being vetted, (2) contracts for graduate students and faculty, (3) modifications coming for NSF and NIH coming out now. Mullins mentioned MS funding comments of student at BOT meeting. Furlich mentioned Grad Dean came to GSG meeting and also expressed concern. Mullins mentioned MTU not E-Verified with US Government. Kerfoot to check into it.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - 1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length: Barkdoll gave update on times, Mullins gave input. Barkdoll took a sense-of- the –Senate hand vote. Results were 15 to keep it as is and 6 to change. Trewartha mentioned concern of current Senators are voting, not others who might want to change. Discussion ensued.
 - 2. Committee to Review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Barkdoll mentioned that the survey is out and will come in March 24.
 - 3. Committee on Textbook Accessibility: Kerfoot talked before, no further report.
 - 4. Committee on Promoting and Facilitating Tolerance and Understanding: Sweitz mentioned Committee is formed and will meet soon.

8. Unfinished Business [33:30-55:00]

- 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)

Kemppainen gave intro and moved the motion. Huckins talked as well. Gregersen mentioned finances approved. Amador moved to close discussion. **PASSED** by voice vote without dissention. Motion was **PASSED** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

- b. Proposal 29-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Computer Science – Software Engineering Concentration” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen gave intro and moved the motion. Motion was **PASSED** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

- c. Proposal 30-20: “Elimination of Shelved Programs” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Mullins gave intro. Motion was **PASSED** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

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)

Mullins gave intro. Discussion ensued. Amador moved to table proposal for clarification. Motion hand vote was 17 to table and 6 not to table so motion to table passed. Motion **TABLED**.

e. Proposal 33-20: “Michigan Technological University Faculty Distinguished Service Award” Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Mullins gave info. Motion was **PASSED** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

f. Proposal 34-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 306.1: Policy on Humanistic Social Courses” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen gave intro and moved the motion. Discussion ensued. Amador moved to table for clarification. Motion **TABLED** without dissent.

9. New Business [55:00-1:10:48]

Proposal 35-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 108.2: Cooperative Education Program (Undergraduate)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced.

Added item: Proposal 25-20 BS in Robotics Engineering.

Loar introduced. Bohmann added to it.

Added item: Proposal 32-20 BS in Mechatronics

Loar introduced but gave reservations. Callahan and Fuhrmann gave info. Discussion ensued.

Added item: Proposal 38-20: Elimination of additional shelved programs in MS of Engineering: Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering.

Loar introduced.

10. Public Comments [1:10:48-1:11:41]

None.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate