

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 636

March 25, 2020

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

Synopsis:

- Meeting held remotely by Zoom conferencing.

- Presentations:

None

- Unfinished Business:

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

b. 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 on 3/4 **PASSED**

c. Proposal 32-20: “Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

d. Proposal 34-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 306.1: Policy on Humanistic Social Courses” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – TABLED on March 4. **PASSED**

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

f. Proposal 38-20 “Elimination of Shelved Programs” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: All) **PASSED**

Emergency Proposals:

a. Proposal 41-20 “Emergency Proposal: Pass/Fail Option for Spring Semester 2020 Classes” **PASSED**

b. Proposal 42-20 “Emergency Proposal to Extend the Time for Completion of an Incomplete Grade” (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

c. Proposal 43-20 “Emergency Proposal: Teaching Evaluations During COVID-19 Pandemic” (Voting Units: Academic) **TABLED**

- New Business:

a. Proposal 36-20: “Minor in Humanitarian Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

b. Proposal 37-20: “Proposal to Change the Name of the Bachelor of Science in Surveying Engineering to Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

c. Proposal 39-20: “Proposal to Change MS Degree Title from ‘Industrial Archaeology’ to ‘Industrial Heritage and Archaeology’”

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 636 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday March 25, 2020 by Zoom remote video-conferencing.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:40-5:14]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Kerrfoot, Rajachar, Griffis, and Liaison Short, with no representatives from Biological Sciences, or liaisons from Staff Council.

Visitors were: Jordan Craven (USG), Sam Breuer (College of Computing), Daniel Fuhrmann (College of Computing), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office), Leonard Bohmann (College of Engineering), Apurva Baruah (GSG), John Gierke (GMES), Jeffrey Hollingsworth (Civil/Environmental Engineering), John Nowosad (USG), Malissa Baird (Social Sciences), Scott Kuhl (College of Computing), Justin Mantink (USG), Theresa Jacques (Registrar), Joe Foster (Civil/Environmental Engineering), Andrew Storer (College of Forestry), Craig Pellizzaro (KIP), Melanie Thomas (USG), Kurt Rickard (Chemical Engineering), Glen Archer (Electrical Engineering), Stefani Krause (USG), Alex Sergeyev (College of Computing), Stephen Eles (IT), Charles Warren (USG), Robert Davies (USG), Stu Kernstock (USG), and David Hemmer (College of Arts and Sciences).

3. Approval of Agenda [5:14-16:12]

Emergency proposals were proposed to be added to the agenda:

a. Proposal 41-20 "Emergency Proposal: Pass/Fail Option for Spring Semester 2020 Classes" (Voting Units: Academic)

PASSED on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

b. Proposal 42-20 "Emergency Proposal to Extend the Time for Completion of an Incomplete Grade" (Voting Units: Academic)

PASSED on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

c. Proposal 43-20 "Emergency Proposal: Teaching Evaluations During COVID-19 Pandemic" (Voting Units: Academic)

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 635 [16:12-17:35]

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

5. Presentations [17:35-17:35]

None.

6. President's Report [17:35-26:00]

- a. Senate responses to COVID-19, childcare
- b. Eliminating evaluations from Board of Trustees meeting
- c. Student withdrawals delayed. Jacques commented.
- d. Tenure notification deadline extension enacted on a case-by-case basis. Huntoon commented.

7. Committee Reports [26:00-27:20]

- a. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: Presidential Survey report complete and is being reviewed. Coming out soon.

8. Unfinished Business [27:20-2:31:00]

- a. Proposal 25-20: “Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [27:49-30:31]

Loar introduced. Middelbrook gave financial approval from Finance Cmte. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

b. 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 at March 4 meeting. [30:31-34:12]

Amador commented that objections are being removed. Rudnicki commented. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

c. Proposal 32-20: “Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [34:12-36:20]

Loar introduced. Middelbrook gave financial approval from Finance Cmte. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

d. Proposal 34-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 306.1: Policy on Humanistic Social Courses” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – TABLED at March 4 meeting. [36:20-46:30]

Loar introduced. Beffel asked for clarification. Amador asked about current HASS policy and if it supersedes this policy. Loar clarified. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

e. Proposal 35-20: “Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 108.2: Cooperative Education Program (Undergraduate)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [46:30-48:51]

Loar introduced. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

f. Proposal 38-20 “Elimination of Shelved Programs” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: All) [48:51-50:10]

Loar introduced. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

Added emergency proposals:

a. Proposal 41-20 “Emergency Proposal: Pass/Fail Option for Spring Semester 2020 Classes” (Voting Units: Academic) [50:10-2:02:41]

Kemppainen introduced. Registrar commented. Many questions by Chat feature came in. Discussion ensued. USG President showed a USG proposal [shown here](#). Kemppainen proposed an addition [shown here](#). More discussion ensued. Amendment **PASSED**. Amended proposal **PASSED** on a Zoom poll vote by 78%.

b. Proposal 42-20 “Emergency Proposal to Extend the Time for Completion of an Incomplete Grade” (Voting Units: Academic) [2:02:41-2:10:05]

Barkdoll introduced. Discussion ensued. Proposal **PASSED** on a Zoom poll by 91%.

c. Proposal 43-20 “Emergency Proposal: Teaching Evaluations During COVID-19 Pandemic” (Voting Units: Academic) [2:10:05-2:31:00]

Amador introduced. Discussion ensued. Sweitz put forth an amendment [shown here](#). Amador protested that it was a substantive change. Amador moved to table the amendment. Amador called the question. Voice vote **passed**. Tabling vote passed by voice vote. **TABLED**.

9. New Business [2:31:00-2:34:38]

a. Proposal 36-20: “Minor in Humanitarian Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced.

b. Proposal 37-20: “Proposal to Change the Name of the Bachelor of Science in Surveying Engineering to Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced.

c. Proposal 39-20: “Proposal to Change MS Degree Title from ‘Industrial Archaeology’ to ‘Industrial Heritage and Archaeology’”

Loar introduced.

10. Public Comments [2:34:38-2:35:50]

Guter thanked Elas. Huntoon thanked everyone for adjusting so quickly.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate