

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 637

April 8, 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 43-20 “Emergency Proposal: Teaching Evaluations During COVID-19 Pandemic” (Voting Units: Academic) – Tabled with amendment pending. **PASSED**
- b. Proposal 36-20: “Minor in Humanitarian Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- c. 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) **PASSED**
- d. Proposal 39-20: “Proposal to Change MS Degree Title from ‘Industrial Archaeology’ to ‘Industrial Heritage and Archaeology’” **PASSED**
- e. Proposal 54-20: “Emergency proposal: Amendment to Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal (Senate Policy 416.1) (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

- New Business:

- a. Proposal 26-20: “Proposal for Minor in the Business of Forestry” (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. Proposal 40-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Bioproducts” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. Proposal 44-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- d. Proposal 45-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- e. Proposal 46-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Data Science Foundations” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- f. Proposal 47-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Security and Privacy in Healthcare” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- g. Proposal 48-20: “Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- h. Proposal 49-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Master of Science in Computer Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- i. Proposal 50-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

- j. Proposal 51-20: “Academic Calendar for 2021-2022 and Provisional Calendar for 2022-2023”
Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- k. Proposal 52-20: Proposal: Revision to Policy and Procedure for “Standards for Online and Remote Courses” (Voting Units: Academic)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 637 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 8, 2020 by Zoom remote video-conferencing.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:23-4:50]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Rajachar, O’Kane, Jones, Howard, Archer, Brassard, and Griffis, with no representatives from ROTC, Academic Services B or C, Auxiliaries, and Student Affairs & Advancement A.

Visitors were: Andrew Storer (College of Forestry), Leonoard Bohmann, (College of Engineering), Thersa Jacques (Registrar), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Will Cantrell (Graduate School), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Joe Foster (Civil/Environmental Engineering), Jeffrey Hollingsworth (Civil/Environmental Engineering), Laura Brown (College of Computing), David Hemmer (College of Sciences and Arts),

3. Approval of Agenda [4:50-11:15]

Proposals were moved to be added to the agenda:

Loar moved Curricular Policy 2 proposal minor business forestry and registrar residency requirement. **Passed** to add to agenda.

Barkdoll moved adding Ad hoc Cmte, Proposal 52-20. **Passed** to add to agenda.

Cantrell moved grad school 54-20 for grad student academic standing. **Passed** to add to agenda.

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 636 [11:15-12:20]

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

5. Presentations [12:20-12:20]

None.

6. President's Report [12:20-31:00]

a. Upcoming administrative actions

Mullins mentioned many topics are in flux. Huntoon gave comments on changes being made. Many people meeting often to deal with pandemic situation. Especially how to handle this summer and fall semesters. [12:20-28:18]

b. Disposition of proposals: Proposal 25-20: Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering; Proposal 31-20: Revisions to Senate Procedures 802.1.1 SEARCH PROCEDURE FOR COLLEGE DEANS; Proposal 32-20: Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics; Proposal 34-20: Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 306.1: Policy on Humanistic Social Courses; Proposal 35-20: Proposal to Rescind Senate Policy 108.2: Cooperative Education Program (Undergraduate); Proposal 38-20: Elimination of Shelved Programs; Emergency Proposal 41-20: Emergency Proposal: Pass/Fail Option for Spring Semester 2020 Classes; Emergency Proposal 42-20: Emergency Proposal to Extend the Time for Completion of an Incomplete Grade [28:18-31:00]

7. Committee Reports [31:00-1:11:38]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: working on teaching evaluations.

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: President's Survey results given to President. President will give a response before report is public.

c. Curricular Policy – Chairs Josh Loar and Amber Kemppainen: many proposals for this meeting.

d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: officer elections coming up. President candidates gave speeches on their platforms: Mullins gave **these slides**. Sweitz gave **these slides**. For Vice President: Guter spoke. Knudstrup spoke as well. For Secretary Amador gave **these slides**. [33:43-1:06:08]

e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Chris Middlebrook: working on Senate budget.

f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: no report.

g. Information Technology – Chair Jingfeng Jiang: no report. Working with textbook initiative.

h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup: working on MLK proposal. Amador commented.

i. Research Policy – Chair Charles Kerfoot: progress on textbook proposal.

j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length: Barkdoll proposed no actions at this time.

2. Committee to Review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Barkdoll deferred to later in the meeting.

3. Committee on Textbook Accessibility and Affordability: no additional report.

4. Committee on Promoting and Facilitating Tolerance and Understanding: no progress.

8. Unfinished Business [1:11:38-1:53:30]

a. Proposal 43-20 “Emergency Proposal: Teaching Evaluations During COVID-19 Pandemic” (Voting Units: Academic) – Tabled with amendment pending [1:11:38-1:39:16]

Moved to un-table it. Passed. Sweitz moved to withdraw previous amendment. No objections. Original motion was considered. Amador motioned to make an “opt-in” option. Discussion ensued. Beffle moved new language for distribution being “opt-in.” Discussion ensued. Amendment **passed**. Amended proposal **passed**.

b. Proposal 36-20: “Minor in Humanitarian Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) [1:39:16-1:43:50]

Audra Morse introduced. Amador asked a question. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without dissent or discussion.

c. 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) [1:43:50-1:45:10]

Kemppainen introduced. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without dissent or discussion.

d. Proposal 39-20: “Proposal to Change MS Degree Title from ‘Industrial Archaeology’ to ‘Industrial Heritage and Archaeology’” [1:45:10-1:46:30]

Kemppainen introduced. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without dissent or discussion.

e. Proposal 54-20: “Emergency proposal: Amendment to Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal (Senate Policy 416.1) [1:46:30-1:53:30]

Cantrell introduced. Furlich commented. Discussion ensued. Proposal **passed** on a voice vote without dissent or discussion.

9. New Business [1:53:30-2:31:00]

a. Proposal 26-20: “Proposal for Minor in the Business of Forestry” (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen gave introduction and gave advantages and disadvantages. Storer commented.

b. Proposal 40-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Bioproducts” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar gave introduction and gave advantages and disadvantages. Storer and Rudnicki added more. Middlebrook gave favorable views from Finance Committee.

c. Proposal 44-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced.

d. Proposal 45-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced. Hemmer added more.

e. Proposal 46-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Data Science Foundations”
Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced. Brown added more.

f. Proposal 47-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Security and Privacy in Healthcare” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Loar introduced.

g. Proposal 48-20: “Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering” Presented by:
Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen introduced. Bohmann gave additional rationale.

h. Proposal 49-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Master of Science in Computer Engineering” Presented
by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen introduced.

i. Proposal 50-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering” Presented
by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen introduced. Bohmann commented. Middlebrook mentioned approval by Finance
Committee for all 3 proposals.

j. Proposal 51-20. Academic Calendar 2021-2022.

Amador introduced. Huntoon and Jacques commented.

k. Proposal 52-20: Proposal: Revision to Policy and Procedure for “Standards for Online and Remote Courses” (Voting Units: Academic)

Barkdoll and Gregerson introduced. Discussion ensued.

l. Proposal 53-20. “Revision to Board Policy 7.2 (Senate Policy 408.1) In-Residence Credit Requirements for Graduation” (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen introduced. Jacques commented.

10. Public Comments [2:31:00-2:35:29]

Gregerson commented on online proposal. Huntoon responded. Knudstrup commented on emergency meeting on calendar proposal.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate