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:
  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:
  b. Proposal 40-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Bioproducts” 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)
  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)
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 (Resistrar), 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.

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


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]


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.  

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.


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

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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 dissention or discussion.

9. **New Business** [1:53:30-2:31:00]
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. Middelebrook gave favorable views from Finance Committee.

Loar introduced.

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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.


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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.


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.


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