The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 638

April 15, 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 55-20 Emergency Proposal: Updated Fall Semester 2020 Academic Calendar in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (Voting Units: All) **FAILED** as emergency proposal. Will be moved to the next meeting.

b. Proposal 52-20: "Revision to Policy and Procedures for 'Standards for Online and Remote Courses'" the Online Teaching Senate ad-hoc Committee and Jason Gregersen (Voting Units: Academic). **PASSED**

- New Business:

a Proposal 56-20 "Low Pass grade for Pass/Fail grade mode in response to COVID-19 Pandemic" (Voting Units: Academic)

b. 57-20: "Retaking Courses in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic" (Voting Units: Academic)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 638 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 15, 2020 by Zoom remote video-conferencing.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:20-3:30]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators, Rajachar, O'Kane, Jones, and Griffis, with no representatives from Kinesiology & Integrative Phy, Academic Services B or C, and Student Affairs & Advancement A with no liaisons from the Graduate Faculty Council or Staff Council.

Visitors were: Thresa Jacques (Registrar), Alexandria Guth (Provost's Office), Jackie Huntoon (Provost's Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), David Hemmer (College of Sciences and Arts), John Nowosad (USG), Andrew Storer (College of Forest Resources and Environmental Science)

3. Approval of Agenda [3:30-20:23]

Proposals were moved to be added to the agenda:

Guter moved adding Proposal 55-20: Emergency Proposal: Updated Fall Semester 2020 Academic Calendar in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (Voting Units: All) **Passed** to add to agenda.

Gregersen moved adding Proposal 52-20: "Revision to Policy and Procedures for 'Standards for Online and Remote Courses'" the Online Teaching Senate ad-hoc Committee and Jason Gregersen (Voting Units: Academic). **Passed** to add to agenda.

Howard moved adding Proposal 57-20: "Retaking Courses Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic" to New Business. **Passed** to add to agenda.

Kemppainen moved adding emergency proposal under Unfinished Business: Emergency Proposal 56-20 "Low Pass Grade Option for Pass/Fail grade mode in response to COVID-19 Pandemic" (Voting Units: Academic). **Failed** the 2/3 needed majority to add to agenda. Moved by acclimation to New Business.

Kemppainen motioned to remove Committee Reports for this meeting. Knudson moved to keep Elections Cmte report, Kemppainen approved. **Passed** by voice vote.

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 637 [20:23-20:23]

Skipped

5. Presentations [20:23-20:23]

None.

6. President's Report [20:23-20:23**]**

None

7. Committee Reports [20:23-21:35**]**

d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: Sweitz elected President, Guter Vice President, and Amador Secretary.

8. Unfinished Business [21:35-1:38:00]

Proposal 55-20: Emergency Proposal: Updated Fall Semester 2020 Academic Calendar in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (Voting Units: All) [21:35-1:02:21]

Guter introduced. Tewari moved to start semester 1 full week early with 1 week break in the Fall semester showing ==this document==. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend failed by Zoom Poll by 74% not in favor. Main proposal **failed** by Zoom Poll by 42% not in favor, which is less than 2/3 needed. Will go to Unfinished Business at the next meeting.

Proposal 52-20: "Revision to Policy and Procedures for 'Standards for Online and Remote Courses'" the Online Teaching Senate ad-hoc Committee and Jason Gregersen (Voting Units: Academic). [1:02:21-1:38:00]

Gregerson and Barkdoll introduced. Toroongian recommended a minor amendment to remove first bullet in Implementation Timeline. Give instructors time to get trained. Amendment **passed** by voice vote without dissention. Discussion ensued. Amador moved to add 7 minutes to the

discussion. **Passed**. Proposal **passed** by Zoom Poll 50% to 42%. 12 voted for, 10 against, 2 abstained of Senators voted. That number of voters checked with Secretary's roll call.

9. New Business [1:38:00-1:52:11]

a Proposal 56-20 "Low Pass Grade Option for Pass/Fail grade mode in response to COVID-19 Pandemic" (Voting Units: Academic)" [1:38:00-1:46:06]

 Kemppainen introduced. Registrar also commented. Discussion ensued.

b. 57-20: "Retaking Courses in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (Voting Units: Academic) [1:46:06-1:52:11]

Howard introduced. Discussion ensued.

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

None.

11. Adjournment
 President Mullins adjourned the meeting at   7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate