

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 639

April 22, 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:

- Proposal 26-20: “Proposal for Minor in the Business of Forestry” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) Agenda 639 Page 2 of 2 22 April 2020 **PASSED**
- Proposal 40-20: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Bioproducts” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 44-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 45-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 46-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Data Science Foundations” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 47-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Security and Privacy in Healthcare” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 48-20: “Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 49-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Master of Science in Computer Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 50-20: “Proposal to Shelve the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 51-20: “Academic Calendar for 2021-2022 and Provisional Calendar for 2022-2023” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 53-20: “Revision to Board Policy 7.2 (Senate Policy 408.1)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 55-20: “Updated Fall Semester 2020 Academic Calendar in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic” Presented by: Jacob Guter and Brian Barkdoll (Voting Units: All) **PASSED**
- Proposal 56-20: ““Low Pass” grade option for Pass/Fail grade mode in response to COVID-19 Pandemic” Presented by: Amber Kempainen (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 57-20: “Retaking Courses in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic” Presented by: Amy Howard (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**
- Proposal 59-20. “Emergency Proposal for Pass/Fail Option for Graduate Students in Spring 2020” (Voting Units: Academic) o. 59-20. “Emergency Proposal for Pass/Fail Option for Graduate

Students in Spring 2020” (Voting Units: Academic) o. 59-20. “Emergency Proposal for Pass/Fail Option for Graduate Students in Spring 2020” (Voting Units: Academic) **PASSED**

p. Proposal 60-20 “Emergency Proposal: Amendment to Graduate Scholastic Standards (Senate Policy 418.1)” **PASSED**

- New Business:
a Proposal 58-20 Michigan Technological University Senate Budget.” (voting Units: Full Senate)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 639 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 22, 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, Tewari, O’Kane, Jones, Brassard, and Griffis, with no representatives from ME-EM, and Academic Services A or C.

Visitors were: Jeremy Brown, Glen Archer (Electrical & Computing Engineering), Dean Johnson (College of Business), Adrienne Minerick (College of Computing), Laura Brown (College of Computing), Will Cantrell (Graduate School), Dan Fuhrmann (College of Computing), Audrey Meyer (Social Sciences), Janet Callahan (College of Engineering), Ying Sha (Mathematical Sciences), Leonard Bohmann (College of Engineering), Brian Cadwell (Campus Police), Theresa Jacques (Registrar), Robert Pastel (Computer Science), Andrew Storer (College of Forestry), Heather Newton (School of Business), Guy Hembroff (College of Computing), Pushpa Murthy (Graduate School), Amber Bennett (Counseling Services), Tom Cogswell (Human Resources), Laura Bulleit (Dean of Students), Larkin Hooker-Moericke (Undergraduate Student Government), Liz Fujita (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Mary Becia (Residential Dining), Nicole Seigneurie (College of Sciences and Arts), Patty Sotirin (Humanities), Paul Charlesworth (Chemistry), Steve Store (Facilities Management), Susan Kerry (Office of the President), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Office of the President), Travis Wakeham (Biological Sciences), Cyndi Perkins (University Marketing and Communication), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), and David Hemmer (College of Sciences and Arts).

3. Approval of Agenda [3:30-12:15]

Amador moved adding Proposal 59-20 “Emergency Proposal: Pass/Fail Option for Graduate Students in Spring 2020” (Voting Units” Academic). **Passed** on voice vote without dissention.

Amador also moved to add Proposal 60-20 “Emergency Proposal: Amendment to Graduate Scholastic Standards (Senate Policy 418.1)” **Passed** on voice vote without dissention.

Moved to add new Senate budget Proposal 58-20 on Senate Budget was added to New Business. **Passed** on voice vote without dissention.

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 637 and 638 [12:15-13:20]

Minutes for 637 and 638 were **passed** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

5. Presentations [13:20-13:20]

None.

6. President’s Report [13:20-15:15]

Mullins read result form survey for Senate to meet in the summer. Poll was in favor of meeting as needed by 78%.

7. Committee Reports [15:15-19:34]

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: emergency proposal at this meeting.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: nothing.

- c. Curricular Policy – Chairs Josh Loar and Amber Kemppainen: proposals at this meeting.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: Finished at-large election and Heather Newtson was selected All staff at-large positions filled. Stefani Krause, Amy Howard, Tom Cogswell.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Chris Middlebrook: proposal later at this meeting
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: continuing elder care and hiring.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Jingfeng Jiang: nothing.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup: nothing.
- i. Research Policy –Chair Charles Kerfoot: ad hoc textbook cmte still continuing.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - 1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length: Bardkoll: no recommendations for change.
 - 2. Committee to Review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): nothing.
 - 3. Committee on Textbook Accessibility and Affordability, Kerfoot: ad hoc textbook cmte still continuing.
 - 4. Committee on Promoting and Facilitating Tolerance and Understanding: Sweitz: activities on hold.

8. Unfinished Business [19:34-2:09:20]

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

Storer gave intro. **Passed** on voice vote with no objections.

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

Storer and Rudnicki gave intro. **Passed** on voice vote with no objections.

- c. Proposal 44-20: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare” 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)

Hembroff introduced both proposals. Both **passed** on voice vote with no objections.

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

Loar and Sha introduced. **Passed** on voice vote with no objections.

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

Loar and Brown introduced. **Passed** on voice vote with no objections.

Proposals 48-20, 49-20, and 50-20 joined as a slate.

Kemppainen and Bohmann introduced. Full slate **passed** on voice vote with no objections.

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: Full)

Amador introduced. Discussion ensued. **Passed** on voice vote with no objections.

k. Proposal 53-20: “Revision to Board Policy 7.2 (Senate Policy 408.1)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee(Voting Units: Academic)

Loar and Registrar Jacques introduced. **Passed** on voice vote with no objections.

l. Proposal 55-20: “Updated Fall Semester 2020 Academic Calendar in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic” Presented by: Jacob Guter and Brian Barkdoll (Voting Units: All)

Guter and Provost Huntoon introduced. Discussion ensued. Electronic vote resulted in 80% in favor. **Passed**.

m. Proposal 56-20: ““Low Pass” grade option for Pass/Fail grade mode in response to COVID-19 Pandemic” Presented by: Amber Kemppainen (Voting Units: Academic)

Kemppainen and Registrar Jacques introduced. Discussion ensued. Amador moved to call the question. Passed on voice vote without dissent. Proposal **passed** on voice vote with one no vote.

n. Proposal 57-20: “Retaking Courses in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic” Presented by: Amy Howard (Voting Units: Academic)

Howard introduced. Howard proposed an amendment to extend to any semester impacted by COVID-19. Discussion ensued. Electronic vote resulted in 81% against. Amendment **failed**. Electronic vote on original proposal resulted in 95% for, so proposal **passed**.

o. 59-20. “Emergency Proposal for Pass/Fail Option for Graduate Students in Spring 2020” (Voting Units: Academic)

Amador and Dean Murthy introduced. Discussion ensued. Amador proposed an amendment regarding grade designations. Amendment **Passed** by voice vote with no dissent. Amended proposal was voted on electronic vote, which resulted in 100% in favor. Motion **passes**.

p. Proposal 60-20 “Emergency Proposal: Amendment to Graduate Scholastic Standards (Senate Policy 418.1)”

Dean Murthy introduced. Discussion ensued. Electronic vote resulted in 90% in favor, so motion **passed**.

9. New Business [2:09:20-2:11:16]

a. Proposal 58-20 Michigan Technological University Senate Budget.” (voting Units: Full Senate)

Middlebrook and Provost Huntoon gave introduction.

10. Public Comments [2:11:16-2:11:16]

None.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate