

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 641

June 3, 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 62-20: “Proposed Computing Device Requirement for Students in Michigan Tech Programs” Presented by: Information Technology Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- New Business:
 - a. Proposal 64-20: “Proposal to Amend Senate Policy 102.1: Policy on Class Attendance” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 640 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday May 20, 2020 by Zoom remote video-conferencing.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:15-3:10]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators, Rajachar, Hazaveh, Tewari, Beffel, Archer, and Griffis, with no representatives from Academic Services B or C, Auxiliaries, and Student Affairs and Advancement A and no liaison from GSG.

Visitors were: Josh Olson (IT), Janet Callahan (College of Engineering), John Lehman, (University Relations and Enrollment), Allison Mills (Marketing and Communications), Leonard Bohmann (College of Engineering), Erin Smith (Humanities), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Office of the President), Travis Wakeham (Biology), Jeremy Brown (Chemistry), Adrienne Minerick (College of Computing), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Andrew Storer (Forestry), Laura Bulleit (Dean of Students), Alexander Morrison (Humanities), Sue Kerry (Office of President), Nathan Ford (GSG), Ketty Thomas (Humanities), Liz Fujita (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Steve Store (Facilities), David Hemmer (College of Arts and Sciences),

Erin Smith (Humanities), Katie Paxton, (formerly Civil and Environmental Engineering), Analise Doll (Library), Patty Sotorin (Humanities), Josh Short, and Joe Cooper (Financial Aid).

3. Approval of Agenda [3:10-9:47]

Sweitz moved to add an ad hoc committee on COVID preparedness.

Mullins asked to add Proposal 62-20 “Proposed Computing Device Requirements for Students in Michigan Tech Programs” under unfinished business. Discussion ensued. There were no objections.

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 640 [9:47-10:52]

Minutes for Meeting 640 were **passed** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

5. Presentations [10:52-10:52]

None.

6. President’s Report [10:52-14:10]

a. Pandemic flex team

Mullins gave summary of senate and staff representatives.

b. Survey on restarting classes

Sweitz gave summary.

7. Committee Reports [14:10-21:24]

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: none.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: none.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chairs Josh Loar and Amber Kemppainen: none.
- d. Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: none.
- e. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Chris Middlebrook: none.
- f. Fringe Benefits – Chair Sam Sweitz: none.
- g. Information Technology – Chair Jingfeng Jiang: none.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup: will continue MLK issues and calendar.
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charles Kerfoot: ramping up since it affects students coming back and also getting laptops.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - 1. Committee on COVID-19 Preparedness
Sweitz gave overview. Committee formation passed by unanimous consent.

8. Unfinished Business [21:24-1:32:13]

- a. Proposal 62-20: “Proposed Computing Device Requirement for Students in Michigan Tech Programs” Presented by: Information Technology Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Jiang introduced and recommended an amendment. Amendment **passed** on a voice vote with no dissention or abstention.

Discussion on the proposal ensued. Proposal **passed** by a vote of 66.7%.

9. New Business [1:32:13-1:46:18]

- a. Proposal 64-20: “Proposal to Amend Senate Policy 102.1: Policy on Class Attendance” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Amador introduced. Bonnie Gorman and Laura Bulleit added information. Discussion ensued.

10. Public Comments [1:46:18-1:48:10]

Amador mentioned Flex Committee communication.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate