

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 642

June 17, 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 64-20: “Proposal to Amend Senate Policy 102.1: Policy on Class Attendance” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
 - b. *pending 2/3 vote Emergency Resolution 66-20: “University Senate Support for Black Lives Matter (Voting Units: All)
- New Business
 - a. Proposal 67-20 “Creation of a Juneteenth Day of Service and Learning”. (Voting Units: All)

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 642 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 [0:35-4:13]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators, Loomis, Heiden, Hazaveh, Middlebrook, Tewari, Hutchinson, O’Kane, Archer, Brassard, Griffis, Brown, and Olson with no representatives from ROTC, Chemistry, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Business, Academic Services B or C, Auxiliaries, Research, and Student Affairs and Advancement A, B, or C, and no liaison from GSG.

Visitors were: Nathan Ford (GSG), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Michael Gretz (Biology), Jemel Thompson (USG), Leonard Bohmann (College of Engineering), Wesley McGowan (GSG),

Sue Collins (Humanities), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Office of the President), Andrew Storer (Forestry), Janet Callahan (College of Engineering), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Erin Smith (Humanities), Laura Bulleit (Dean of Students), John Lehman, (University Relations and Enrollment), Travis Wakeham (Biology), Alexandra Morrison (Humanities), Patty Sotorin (Humanities), Liz Fujita (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Lorraine Young (Advancement), and Ketty Thomas (Humanities).

3. Approval of Agenda [4:13-8:19]

Amy Howard moved to add a new Proposal 67-20 “Creation of a Juneteenth Day of Service and Learning” for new business. **Passed** by voice vote without dissent or abstention.

Mullins moved to add Emergency Resolution 66-20: “University Senate Support for Black Lives Matter”. **Passed** by voice vote without dissent or abstention.

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 641 [8:19-9:25]

Minutes for Meeting 641 were **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

5. Presentations [9:25-9:25]

None.

6. President’s Report [9:25-27:15]

a. Pandemic flex team update

Knudstrup, Guter, and Kerfoot gave updates.

b. Phase 2 university reopening

Huntoon gave a summary. Questions and discussion ensued.

7. Committee Reports [27:15-35:03]

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.

i. Research Policy – Chair Charles Kerfoot: none.

j. Ad Hoc Committee Report

1. Committee on Textbooks: Charles Kerfoot: working with companies to get free textbooks and laptop costs.
2. Committee on COVID-19 Preparedness: Sam Sweitz: has members and planning first meeting. Reading through survey responses. Have a Town Hall meeting to report out survey results being considered.
3. Committee on Tolerance and Understanding: Sam Sweitz: Committee will work again in the academic year. Needs members.

8. Unfinished Business [35:03-1:58:43]

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 gave an introduction. Discussion ensued. **Passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

b. Emergency Resolution 66-20: “University Senate Support for Black Lives Matter” (Voting Units: All)

Mullins introduced and read the resolution. Questions and discussion ensued. Wesley McGowen and Jamel Thompson added to the discussion. Amended language was added regarding forming a Senate standing committee. Rudnicki moved to table the resolution. A minute of silence was observed for reflection. Motion to table **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention. Mullins committed to work with other groups on campus to produce a new version. An emergency meeting next week was agreed upon.

9. New Business [1:58:43-2:08:50]

Proposal 67-20 “Creation of a Juneteenth Day of Service and Learning”. (Voting Units: All)

Howard and Jones introduced. Discussion ensued.

10. Public Comments [2:08:50-2:16:00]

Wesley McGowan talked about racial issues at Michigan Tech.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate