

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 643

June 24, 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. Resolution 66-20: “University Senate Support for Black Lives Matter and Justice for All” Presented by: Michael Mullins (Voting Units: All)
 - b. Proposal 67-20: “Creation of a Juneteenth Day of Service and Learning” Presented by: Rachel Jones and Amy Howard (Voting Units: All)
- New Business
None.

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 643 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday June 24, 2020 by Zoom remote video-conferencing.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:20-3:55]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators, Loomis, Heiden, Trewartha, Hazaveh, Middlebrook, Kemppainen, Gregorson, Tewari, Hutchinson, O’Kane, Tootongian, Archer, Brassard, Griffis, Brown, and Olson with no representatives from ROTC, Chemistry, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering Fundamentals, Mathematical Sciences, ME-EM, Business, Academic Services A, B or C, Auxiliaries, and Student Affairs and Advancement A or B, and no liaison from GSG or Staff Council.

Visitors were: Nathan Ford (GSG), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), Jemel Thompson (USG), Leonard Bohmann (College of Engineering), Wesley McGowan (GSG), Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Office of the President), Andrew Storer (Forestry), Janet Callahan (College of Engineering), Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Erin Smith (Humanities), John Lehman, (University Relations

and Enrollment), Liz Fujita (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Lorraine Young (Advancement), Bonnie Gorman, Renee Ozanich (Employment Services), Adrienne Minerick (College of Computing), Laura Brown (Computer Science), Alexandra Marshall (Administration), and Ketty Thomas (Humanities).

3. Approval of Agenda [3:55-5:30]

Mullins moved to un-table Resolution 66-20: “University Senate Support for Black Lives Matter and Justice for All.” **Passed** without dissent or abstention.

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings 642 [5:30-6:20]

Minutes for Meeting 642 were **passed** on a voice vote with no dissent or abstention.

5. Presentations [6:20-6:20]

None.

6. President’s Report [6:20-18:00]

Pandemic Flex Team and the Provost gave updates.

7. Committee Reports [18:00-32:10]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Carlos Amador: none.

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: working with Provost on Policy 701.1 on charters.

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: Mullins and Knudstrup gave updates on laptops.
- h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup: working with Amador on MLK proposal but will be tabled for now. Will be involved in Proposal 67-20 with Jones and Howard.
- i. Research Policy – Chair Charles Kerfoot: Will add section for laptops to the textbook proposal.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - 1. Committee on Textbooks: Charles Kerfoot: none.
 - 2. Committee on COVID-19 Preparedness: Sam Sweitz: met yesterday and talked about survey results. Look at academic schedule, pandemic safety and testing and quarantine protocol, making plans clear. Cmte will make survey results available.
 - 3. Committee on Equity and Understanding: Sam Sweitz: will make it a permanent committee depending on vote on Proposal 66-20.

8. Unfinished Business [32:10-1:25:30]

- a. Resolution 66-20: “University Senate Support for Black Lives Matter and Justice for All” Presented by: Michael Mullins (Voting Units: All)

Mullins gave recap. Cadwell talked about community policing at Michigan Tech. Discussion ensued. Knudstrup moved to strike out some language. Howard also moved to strike out some language. Knudstrup moved to incorporate both into one motion. Motion to strike language **passed** without dissent. Amended resolution **passed** with an 87% yes electronic vote.

- b. Proposal 67-20: “Creation of a Juneteenth Day of Service and Learning” Presented by: Rachel Jones and Amy Howard (Voting Units: All)

Jones and Howard gave introduction. Proposal **passed** without dissent.

9. New Business [1:25:30-1:25:30]

None.

10. Public Comments [1:25:30-1:25:38]

Beffel thanked Mullins for serving.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll

Secretary of the University Senate