The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 644

September 16th, 2020

Recording of meeting found here.

Senate minutes are time-indexed [in square brackets] to the relevant segments of the streaming video of the meeting.

Format:
  • Meeting held remotely by Zoom conferencing with participation on Campus

Synopsis:
  • Brief introductory remarks by Senate President Samuel Sweitz
  • Zoom Protocol Suggestions by Senate Secretary Carlos M. Amador

1. Unfinished Business:


2. New Business

   a. Proposal 1-21: “Proposal to create a new Senate Standing Committee, the Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding” Submitted by: Sam Sweitz (Voting Units: All)

1. Call to Order

President Samuel Sweitz called the University Senate Meeting 644 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday September 16, 2020 by Zoom remote video-conferencing.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [2:20-3:44]

The Senate Secretary Carlos Amador called roll. Please see attached roll call sheet

3. Approval of Agenda

Secretary motioned to change Proposal 2-21 from New Business to Unfinished Business [3:55]

Objection raised by Senator Michael Mullins.

Discussion by Samuel Sweitz, Stefani Vargas Krause, Carlos Amador [18:45-22:00]

Point of Order by Stefani Vargas Krause [22:13]

Stefani Vargas Krause moved to reclassify proposal 3-21 as an emergency proposal

Motion seconded: passed through voice vote.

Proposal 2-21 withdrawn by Senate Secretary and Submitter Carlos M. Amador

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

Passed on a google vote [23:00—28:00]

4. Presentations

None

6. President’s Report

Introductory Comments by Senate President Sweitz [31:00-39:13]

Move to vote to approve Senate standing committee membership by Pres. Sweitz

Approval by voice vote without abstentions or negative votes [40:00-40:47]

7. Committee Reports [40:49-48:03]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jason Gregerson

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: Introductory comments

c. Elections Committee – Chair Anne Beffel

d. Finance and Institutional Planning— Chair Robert Hutchinson: comments on accountability, oversight, and future work for the committee.

e. Fringe Benefits Committee – Chair Greg Waite: introductory comments

f. Information Technology – Chair Jingfeng Jiang: introductory comments

h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup: introductory comments
i. Research Policy – Chair Eric Seagren: introductory comments

K. Ad Hoc Committee reports: none

Carlos M. Amador volunteers for the Textbook Committee

Jacob Guter: will pursue a Senate By-Laws Ad hoc committee meeting.

8. Unfinished Business [48:04]

Proposal 58-20: “Senate Budget for 2020-2021” Submitted by: Finance and Institutional Planning Committee (Voting Units: All)

Comments by Robert Hutchinson

Informational comment by Michael Mullins: Zoom seminars come out of Senate budget-SSE [49:08-49:29]

Motion to accept the budget. Motion passed

Emergency Proposal 2-21: “Proposal for Career Fair Recess to Begin Fall 2021”

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Proposal passed with 2/3 majorities


Proposal 1-21: “Proposal to create a new Senate Standing Committee, the Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding” Submitted by: Sam Sweitz

(Voting Units: All)

Questions by Eric Seagren concerning the language of equity

Response by Amy Lyn Howard, Sam Sweitz

Questions by Heather Knewtson, Langrong Bi, and Chang-Kyoung Choi about duplication of labor and added labor stress by Proposal 1-21

Response by Stefani Vargas Krause

Comments by Nathan Ford: asking for advocacy of graduate students at faculty meetings concerning job searches.

Comments from Anne Beffel concerning COVID-19 information.

Samuel Sweitz responded with specific information about the COVID-19 Response Ad-Hoc Committee

11. Adjournment

Michael Mullins moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:57 pm
## ROLL CALL
### Meeting #644 2020

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### Senators-At-Large

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| At-large F                                 | x_ Carl Blair   |                 |             |
| At-large F                                 | x_ Heather Knewtson |             |             |
| At-large S                                 | x_ Stefani Krause |                 |             |
| At-large S                                 | x_ Amy Howard   |                 |             |
| At-large S                                 | x_ Tom Cogswell |                 |             |

### Professional Staff Units

1. Academic Services A                      | ___ VACANT      | ___ VACANT     |             |
2. Academic Services B                      | ___ Vacant      | ___ Vacant     |             |
3. Academic Services C                      | x Nicole Seigneurie | ___ Vacant |             |
4. Administration A                         | ___ VACANT      | ___ VACANT     |             |
5. Administration B                         | x_ Jacob Guter  | Brian Cadwell  |             |
6. Advancement & Alumni Engage             | x_ Mike Olson   | Lorraine Young |             |
7. Auxiliaries & Athletics                 | ___ VACANT      | ___ VACANT     |             |
8. Information Technology                  | x_ Steve Knudstrup | David Chard |             |
9. Research 1                               | ___ VACANT      | ___ VACANT     |             |
10. Research 2                              | ___ VACANT      | ___ VACANT     |             |
11. Student Affairs                        | x_ Danielle Meirow | Trish Bennett |             |
12. University Relations and Enroll        | x_ Paige Short  | ___ VACANT     |             |

### Official Non-Voting Liaison Members

- Graduate Faculty Council                  | x_ Veronica Webster |             |
- Graduate Student Government               | s Nathan Ford      |             |
- Staff Council                             |                   |             |
- Undergraduate Student Government          | x_ Harley Merkaj   |             |

### VISITORS
Quorums:

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For research matters: 14 of 27
For staff matters: 7 of 14
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