

# **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:

a. Emergency Resolution 3-21: “Proposal for Career Fair Recess to Begin Fall 2021”  
Submitted by Samuel Sweitz

#### 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]

Zoom Protocol read by Carlos M. Amador [5:25—11:20]

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Proposal 2-21 withdrawn by Senate Secretary and Submitter Carlos M. Amador  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

## **9. New Business [49:29-1:12:30]**

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

Response by Stefani Vargas Krause

## **10. Public Comments [1:12:36-1:21:08]**

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

<u>CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>SENATOR</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTE</u>
<b><u>Academic Departments</u></b>			
Army/Air Force ROTC	<u>Justin Casey</u>	<u>Paul Weiss</u>	_____
Biological Sciences	<u>W. Charles Kerfoot</u>	<u>Michael Gretz</u>	_____
Biomedical Engineering	<u>x_ Jingfeng Jiang</u>	<u>Orhan Soykan</u>	_____
Chemical Engineering	<u>x_ Michael Mullins</u>	<u>Kurt Rickard</u>	_____
Chemistry	<u>x_ Lanrong Bi</u>	<u>Pat Heiden</u>	_____
Civil & Environmental	<u>x_ Eric Seagren</u>	<u>Stan Vitton</u>	_____
Cognitive and Learning Sciences	<u>x_ Kevin Trewartha</u>	<u>Kedmon Hungwe</u>	_____
College of Computing	<u>x_ Paniz Hazaveh</u>	<u>Nathir Rawashdeh</u>	_____
Computer Science	<u>x_ Keith Vertanen</u>	<u>Robert Pastel</u>	_____
Electrical & Computer Engineering	<u>x_ Christopher Middlebrook</u>	<u>Jeff Burl</u>	_____
Engineering Fundamentals	<u>x_ Amber Kempainen</u>	<u>Brett Hamlin</u>	_____
Geological and Mining Eng & Sci	<u>x_ Greg Waite</u>	<u>Radwin Askari</u>	_____
Humanities	<u>x_ Carlos Amador</u>	<u>Kette Thomas</u>	_____
Kinesiology & Integrative Phy	<u>x_ William Cooke</u>	<u>Tejin Yoon</u>	_____
Library	<u>x_ **Nora Allred</u>	<u>**Jenn Sams</u>	_____
Materials Sci & Eng	<u>x_ Yu Wang</u>	<u>Yun Hang Hu</u>	_____
Mathematical Sciences	<u>x_ Jason Gregersen</u>	<u>Tamara Olson</u>	_____
ME-EM	<u>x_ Chang Kyoung Choi</u>	<u>Nancy Barr</u>	_____
Physics	<u>x_ Petra Huentemeyer</u>	<u>Jacek Borysow</u>	_____
School of Business	<u>x_ Robert Hutchinson</u>	<b>VACANT</b>	_____
School of Forestry	<u>x_ Mark Rudnicki</u>	<u>Paul Doskey</u>	_____
Social Sciences	<u>x_ Samuel Sweitz</u>	<u>Adam Wellstead</u>	_____
Visual & Performing Arts	<u>x_ Josh Loar</u>	<u>Libby Meyer</u>	_____
<b><u>Senators-At-Large</u></b>			
At-large F	<u>x_ Anne Beffel</u>		
At-large F	<u>x_ Carl Blair</u>		
At-large F	<u>x_ Heather Knewtson</u>		
At-large S	<u>x_ Stefani Krause</u>		
At-large S	<u>x_ Amy Howard</u>		
At-large S	<u>x_ Tom Cogswell</u>		
<b><u>Professional Staff Units</u></b>			
1. Academic Services A	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	_____
2. Academic Services B	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	_____
3. Academic Services C	<u>x_ Nicole Seigneurie</u>	<b>Vacant</b>	_____
4. Administration A	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	_____
5. Administration B	<u>x_ Jacob Guter</u>	<u>Brian Cadwell</u>	_____
6. Advancement & Alumni Engage	<u>x_ Mike Olson</u>	<u>Lorraine Young</u>	_____
7. Auxiliaries & Athletics	<b>VANANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	_____
8. Information Technology	<u>x_ Steve Knudstrup</u>	<u>David Chard</u>	_____
9. Research 1	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	_____
10. Research 2	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	_____
11. Student Affairs	<u>x_ Danielle Meirow</u>	<u>Trish Bennett</u>	_____
12. University Relations and Enroll	<u>x_ Paige Short</u>	<b>VACANT</b>	_____
<b><u>Official Non-Voting Liaison Members</u></b>			
Graduate Faculty Council	<u>x_ Veronica Webster</u>		
Graduate Student Government	<u>s Nathan Ford</u>		
Staff Council			
Undergraduate Student Government	<u>x_ Harley Merkaj</u>		

## VISITORS

**Quorums:**      To transact business:      20 of 40  
For academic matters:      14 of 27  
For research matters:      14 of 27  
For staff matters:      7 of 14  
Other:      1/2 of eligible