

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 645

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September 30th, 2020

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
- Discussion and vote passing Proposal 1-21: “Proposal to create a new Senate Standing Committee, the Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding”

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Unfinished 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 645 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday September 30, 2020 by Zoom remote video-conferencing. No use of Dow 135 classroom.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors

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

1. Approval of Agenda [3:28]

Amendment to the Agenda--Jacob Guter: amend new business to add

Assessment Council Representative from Senate (Carlos M. Amador

Motion passed

Amendment to the agenda—Samuel Sweitz new business to discuss Trump Train and white supremacist and violent behavior displayed there.

Motion

Minutes approved by unanimous consent

4. Presentations

None

6. President's Report

Introductory Comments by Senate President Sweitz

A discussion about the political rally this weekend and the role of white supremacist activity, hate speech, violent activity, and university grounds.

Discussed the formation of the ad hoc committee for the Senate By-Laws.

Discussed the creation of the task force for University Events.

7. Committee Reports [21:38-

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jason Gregerson—*Nothing to report*

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: *Brief follow-up on the proposal for amending charters, no proposal or substantive report.*

c. Elections Committee –Chair Anne Beffel: No report.

d. Finance and Institutional Planning— Chair Robert Hutchinson: *No*

e. Fringe Benefits Committee – Chair Greg Waite: *No reports*

f. Information Technology – Chair Jingfeng Jiang: *No reports*

h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup: *No reports*

i. Research Policy – Chair Eric Seagren: *No reports*

k. Curricular Policy—Nothing to report

K. Ad Hoc Committee reports: none

Textbook Committee: Nora Allred: convened, looking to elect a chair

Ad Hoc Senate COVID-19 committee

8. Unfinished Business [28:37]

Proposal 1-21

Sen. Stefani Vargas Krause and Amy Howard asked to speak on the proposal

Discussion by multiple senators

Sen. Steve Knudstrup moved for a rollcall vote [58:02]

Motion for the rollcall vote defeated. [1:13:12]

Sen. Heather Knewtson calls for secret ballot on proposal 1-21

Discussion from Senators Seagren, Howard, Knudstrup, Gregersen,

Proposal 1-21 passes [1:15:17]

9. New Business [1:16:00]

Proposal 25-21 Temporary Ad-Hoc Committee for the Revision of the By-Laws presented by Jacob Guter, VP of the University Senate [1:16:30]

Senate Assessment Council electing Carlos Amador to position by acclamation [1:18:00]

10. Public Comments

General comments on the upcoming Charter policies.

General thanks to everyone by the Senators.

11. Adjournment

Sam Sweitz moved to adjourn @ 6:59 pm

Meeting adjourned

ROLL CALL

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CONSTITUENCY

SENATOR

ALTERNATE

SUBSTITUTE

Academic Departments

Army/Air Force ROTC
Biological Sciences
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Chemistry

___ Justin Casey
___x Michael Gretz
___x Jingfeng Jiang
___x Michael Mullins
___xLanrong Bi

___ Paul Weiss
___ Guiliang Tang
___ Orhan Soykan
___ Kurt Rickard
___ Pat Heiden

Civil & Environmental
Cognitive and Learning Sciences
College of Computing
Computer Science
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Engineering Fundamentals

___x Eric Seagren
___x Kevin Trewartha
___x Paniz Hazaveh
___x Keith Vertanen
___ Christopher Middlebrook
___x Amber Kempainen

___ Stan Vitton
___ Kedmon Hungwe
___ Nathir Rawashdeh
___ Robert Pastel
___ Jeff Burl
___ Jon Sticklen

Geological and Mining Eng & Sci

___x Greg Waite

___ Radwin Askari

Humanities
Kinesiology & Integrative Phy
Library
Materials Sci & Eng
Mathematical Sciences
ME-EM
Physics

___x Carlos Amador
___ William Cooke
___x **Nora Allred
___ Yu Wang
___x Jason Gregersen
___x Chang Kyoung Choi
___x Petra Huentemeyer

___x Kette Thomas
___ Zhiying Shan
___**Jenn Sams
___ Yun Hang Hu
___ Tamara Olson
___ Nancy Barr
___ Jacek Borysow

School of Business
School of Forestry
Social Sciences
Visual & Performing Arts

___x Robert Hutchinson
___x Mark Rudnicki
___x Samuel Sweitz
___x Josh Loar

VACANT
___ Paul Doskey
___ Adam Wellstead
___ Libby Meyer

Senators-At-Large

At-large F
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___x Anne Beffel
___x Carl Blair
___x Heather Knewtson
___x Stefani Krause
___x Amy Howard
___x Tom Cogswell

Professional Staff Units

1. Academic Services A
2. Academic Services B
3. Academic Services C
4. Administration A
5. Administration B
6. Advancement & Alumni Engage
7. Auxiliaries & Athletics
8. Information Technology
9. Research 1
10. Research 2
11. Student Affairs
12. University Relations and Enroll

___ **VACANT**
___ **Vacant**
___ Nicole Seigneurie
___ **VACANT**
___x Jacob Guter
___x Mike Olson
___ **VANANT**
___x Steve Knudstrup
___ **VACANT**
___ **VACANT**
___x Danielle Meirow
___x Paige Short

___ **VACANT**
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___ **VACANT**
___ Brian Cadwell
___ Lorraine Young
___ **VACANT**
___ David Chard
___ **VACANT**
___ **VACANT**
___ Trish Bennett
___ **VACANT**

Official Non-Voting Liaison Members

Graduate Faculty Council
Graduate Student Government
Staff Council
Undergraduate Student Government

___ Veronica Webster
___x Nathan Ford

___x Harley Merkaj

<u>Quorums:</u>	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

Visitors

Theresa Coleman-Kaiser
Bonnie Gorman
Susan Kerry
Liz Fujita
Leonard Bohmann
Andrew Storer
John Lehman
Erin Smith
Janet Callahan
Jackie Huntoon
Sean Kirkpatrick
Linn