

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 646

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October 14th, 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_
- Proposal 1-21 and the addition of two emergency proposals

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 [15:28]

Amendment to the Agenda—Samuel Sweitz add two emergency proposals

Amendment to the Agenda—Add Proposal 31-20

Motion to approve agenda

Minutes approved by unanimous consent

4. Presentations

Announcement that MTU Chief Financial Officer Sue Kerry will meet with the senate during meeting #647 on Wednesday, October 28th, 2020.

6. President's Report

Introductory Comments by Senate President Sweitz

Thanking all senators and reminding them of the need for collegiality and cooperation.

7. Committee Reports [9:38-22:59]x

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jason Gregerson— *The committee is focusing on the issue of the academic calendar*

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: *Proposal 26-21 Charter Policy will fall under new business*

c. Elections Committee –Chair Anne Beffel: *Working on Senate elections process and filling some of the vacancies*

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

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

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

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

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

k. Curricular Policy – Chair Josh Loar: *Certificates and new business later during the night's meeting*

L. Committee for Equity, Inclusion, And Understanding –Chair and Co-chair Amy Howard: *Working with USG to strengthen reporting on hate speech, hate crime, and other fascist behavior. Also, looking at peer institutions and their similar work.*

K. Ad Hoc Committee reports:

Textbook Committee – Nora Allred: *convened, chair elected, much work in the future*

Ad Hoc Senate COVID-19 committee: will meet again next week.

8. Unfinished Business [28:37—59:59]

Proposal 25-21: “Senate Proposal for the Creation of a Temporary Ad-hoc Committee”

Proposal amended to read: Senate Proposal for the Creation of Temporary Ad-hoc Committee:
By-Laws Update 2020

Motion passed by unanimous vote. No discussion

Emergency Proposal 28-21: “Proposal to Constitute an ad hoc Committee, the *Committee to Review Institutional Policy and Procedures for On- Campus Events*” Presented by: Josh Loar and Sam Sweitz (Voting Units: All)

Discussion

Motion passed.

Emergency Proposal 29-21: “Special Considerations for Election Days: Scheduling of Examinations, Homework, Projects, Papers, Presentations, Quizzes, Major Assignments, and Mandatory Attendance” Presented by: Stefani Vargas Krause (Voting Units: Academic)

Editorial change to the proposal changing the language for 29-21 to reflect due dates and not assignments.

Proposal does not pass. [59:59]

9. New Business [1:01:00—1:28:31]

Proposal 26-21(with edits) and **Clean Version:** “Proposed Revision to Policy 710.1” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Discussion by senators and Provost Huntoon

Proposal 30-21: Proposal to Extend The Time for Completion of an Incomplete Grade Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

New CEE Graduate Certificates to be presented at meeting #647:

- b. Proposal 6-21: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering: Advanced Analysis” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. Proposal 7-21: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering: Bridge Analysis and Design” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- d. Proposal 8-21: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering: Building Design” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- e. Proposal 9-21: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering: Hazard Analysis” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- f. Proposal 10-21: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering: Timber Building Design” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- g. Proposal 16-21: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Resilient Water Infrastructure” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- h. Proposal 17-21: “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Water Resources Modeling” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- i. Proposal 30-21: “Proposal to Extend the Time for Completion of an Incomplete Grade” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

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 @ 6:59 pm

ROLL CALL

Meeting #646 2020

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

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

Visitors

Theresa Coleman-Kaiser
Leonard Bohmann
Andrew Storer
John Lehman
Will Cantrell
Janet Callahan
Jackie Huntoon
Melanie Watkins
Brian Barkdoll