

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 651

[Video of Meeting 651](#)

December 9th, 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:

Approval of Athletic Council,

1. Call to Order

President Samuel Sweitz called the University Senate Meeting 651 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday December 9th, 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

Motion seconded and approved

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Motion to approve minutes

Minutes approved by unanimous consent

Agenda approved.

3. President's Report (6:30-7:19)

Athletic Council slate confirmed

7. Committee Reports [7:19]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jason Gregerson: *Discussion about future plans for the committee in 2021.*

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: *No report*

c. Curricular Policy – Chair Josh Loar: *No report*

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

L. Committee for Equity, Inclusion, And Understanding –Chair Amy Howard: Open Forum, 41-21 to be discussed during the business portion of the meeting.

K. Ad Hoc Committee reports:

Textbook Committee – Nora Allred: *No report*

Ad Hoc Senate COVID-19 committee—No significant report

Committee for On-Campus Events—Josh Loar: still working with stakeholders and research on how events are booked.

8. Unfinished Business [33:41—1:15]

1. **Proposal 15-21:** “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Pavement Design and Construction” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
2. **Proposal 21-21:** “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Natural Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
3. **Proposal 24-21:** “Proposal to rename the minor in Environmental Studies to a minor in Sustainability Science and Society” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) *Proposals passed with no discussion*

4. **Proposal 37-21:** “Pass/ Low Pass/ Fail Option for Fall 2020” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Motion seconded and passed.

5. **Proposal 41-21:** “Embodying University Values: Condemning Hate Speech, White Supremacy, and Ethnically and Racially Motivated Intolerance” Presented by: Amy Howard and Robert Hutchinson (Voting Units: All)

Motion seconded and passed

9. New Business [1:08:27—1:10:00]

Proposal 27-21: “Revision to Policy 417.1 – ‘Graduate Grievances’ Presented by Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

10. Public Comments

Discussion about proposal 41-21

11. Adjournment

Sam Sweitz moved to adjourn @ 6:49 pm

Meeting adjourned @ 6:49 pm

ROLL CALL

Meeting #651 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 type="checkbox"/> Jingfeng Jiang	<input type="checkbox"/> Orhan Soykan	_____
Chemical Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Mullins	<input type="checkbox"/> Kurt Rickard	_____
Chemistry	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Keith Vertanen	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Josh Loar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Libby Meyer	_____
<u>Senators-At-Large</u>			
At-large F	<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Beffel		
At-large F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Blair		
At-large F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stefka Hristova		
At-large F	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Knewtson		
At-large S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stefani Vargas 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 type="checkbox"/> Mike Olson	<input checked="" 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:
Other:

7 of 14
1/2 of eligible

Visitors

Theresa Coleman-Kaiser
Wayne Gersie
Will Cantrell
Anna McClatchy
Andrew Storer
Colton Eberlin
David Holden
Debra Charlesworth
Ethan Davani
Gavin Walters
Isaac Rodríguez
Jackie Huntoon
James Helm
Joe Cooper
John Lehman
Laura Bulleit
Liz Fujita
Lucas Simonson
Michael Bearden
Robert Davies
Shaun Burriss
Siddhesh
Sophie Miller
Theresa Jacques
Thomas Page
Zachary Noel