

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Samuel Sweitz, Senate President  
Date: February 17, 2021  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #654  
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**Meeting #654** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021** via [Zoom](#).

Senators are responsible for making their constituents aware of the agenda for this meeting.

Senators who are unable to attend should arrange for their alternates to attend in their place.

## Agenda

## Time

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors

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### 3. Approval of Agenda

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### 4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings: [652](#)

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### 5. Presentations:

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- a. Mary Raber presenting on [Education for the 21st Century Tech Forward Initiative Update](#)

### 6. President's Report

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### 7. Committee Reports

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- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jason Gregersen
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Josh Loar
- d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chair Amy Howard
- e. Elections – Chair Anne Beffel
- f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Robert Hutchinson
- g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Greg Waite
- h. Information Technology – Chair Jingfeng Jiang
- i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup
- j. Research Policy – Chair Eric Seagren
- k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  - 1. Committee on Textbook Accessibility and Affordability
  - 2. Committee on COVID-19 Preparedness
  - 3. Senate Bylaws Update Committee

## 8. Unfinished Business

- a. [Proposal 13-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Fundamentals of Materials Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. [Proposal 14-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Computational Materials Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. [Proposal 23-21](#): “Proposal to Change Degree Title from “Cheminformatics” to “Computational Chemistry and Chemical Informatics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- d. [Proposal 38-21](#): “Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- e. [Proposal 39-21](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Pre-Professional Concentration (SBL5)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- f. [Proposal 40-21](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Ecology Concentration (SBL3)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- g. [Proposal 42-21](#): “Proposed Revision to Policy 710.1” Presented by: Administrative Policy and Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- h. [Proposal 53-21](#): “Proposal: Covid Policies for Spring 2021” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

## 9. New Business:

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- a. [Proposal 45-21](#): “Proposal to Update Senate Procedure 506.1.1” Presented by: Administrative Policy (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. [Proposal 55-21](#): “Proposed Addition of a Section on the Role of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the Faculty Handbook” Presented by: Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding (Voting Units: All)
- c. [Proposal 56-21](#): “Bylaws Update” Presented by: Ad-hoc Senate Bylaws Update Committee (Voting Units: All)

## 10. Public Comments

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## 11. Adjournment