

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Samuel Sweitz, Senate President  
Date: March 3, 2021  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #655  
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**Meeting #655** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 3, 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.

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
<b>2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors</b>	5
<b>3. Approval of Agenda</b>	2
<b>4. Approval of Minutes from Meetings: 653 and 654 Thank</b>	3
<b>5. Presentations:</b>	0
<b>6. President's Report</b>	10
<b>7. Committee Reports</b>	15
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. Senate Bylaws Update Committee	
<b>8. Unfinished Business</b>	
a. Tabled: <a href="#">Proposal 53-21</a> : “Proposal: Covid Policies for Spring 2021” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)	30

- b. [Proposal 45-21](#): “Proposal to Update Senate Procedure 506.1.1” Presented by: Administrative Policy (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. [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: Academic)
- d. [Proposal 56-21](#): “Bylaws Update” Presented by: Ad-hoc Senate Bylaws Update Committee (Voting Units: All)

## 9. New Business:

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- a. [Proposal 46-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Network and Communication Systems” Presented by: Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. [Proposal 47-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Electronics Materials and Processing” Presented by: Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. [Proposal 48-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Signal and Image Processing” Presented by: Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- d. [Proposal 49-21](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: General Biology Concentration (SBL1)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- e. [Proposal 50-21](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Data Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- f. [Proposal 52-21](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Mechatronics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- g. [Proposal 57-21](#): “2020-22 Senate Evaluation” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
- h. Proposal 35-21: “Proposal to Establish Guidelines for Accelerated Graduate Certificates at Michigan Technological University” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

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## 10. Public Comments

## 11. Adjournment