The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons
From: Samuel Sweitz, Senate President
Date: March 24, 2021
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #656
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Meeting #656 of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 24, 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**	5
3. **Approval of Agenda**	2
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meetings:**	3
5. **Presentations:**	30

Presentation from the Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding

6. **President's Report**	10
7. **Committee Reports**	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

8. Unfinished Business

   a. Tabled: Proposal 45-21: "Proposal to Update Senate Procedure 506.1.1"   30
     Presented by: Administrative Policy (Voting Units: Academic)

b. Tabled: [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)

c. [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)

d. [Proposal 46-21](): "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Network and Communication Systems" Presented by: Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

e. [Proposal 47-21](): "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Electronics Materials and Processing" Presented by: Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

f. [Proposal 48-21](): "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Signal and Image Processing" Presented by: Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

g. [Proposal 49-21](): "Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: General Biology Concentration (SBL1)" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

h. [Proposal 50-21](): "Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Data Science" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

i. [Proposal 52-21](): "Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Mechatronics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

j. [Proposal 57-21](): "2020-22 Senate Evaluation" Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

9. New Business: 20

a. Proposal 61-21: "Proposed Updates for Senate Professional Staff Unit Designations" Presented by: Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

b. Proposal 62-21: "Proposal for the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Draft a Senate Handbook" Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: All)

c. [Proposal 54-21](): "Course Re-Take Policy" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

10. Public Comments 10

11. Adjournment