The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting #656

Video of Meeting 656

March 24th, 2021

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:

Presentation from the Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors (0:00-5:02)

The Senate Secretary Carlos Amador called roll. Please see attached roll call sheet

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   Motion seconded and approved

   Sen. Jason Gregersen moved to amend agenda to add proposal 54-21 to New Business.

   Motion seconded and approved.

   Motion to approve minutes

   Minutes approved by unanimous consent

   Agenda approved.

2. **Presentation:**

   Presentation from the Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding by Sen. Amy Howard

3. **President's Report (30:20—36:26)**

    Discussion of the Senate's role in shared governance; campus community; the possibility of creating community-wide town halls.

4. Committee Reports [36:27—45:59]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jason Gregerson: *will present during new business in alignment with the proposals in new and old business. Also comments made about the fall break and the concerns with scheduling, course restructuring, and effects on short courses. Also some courses for scholarship and lab protocols.*

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: No Report

c. Curricular Policy – Chair Josh Loar: *Alexandria Guth (Provost's Office)*

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: *Ballot calendar and Elections website announced*

L. Committee for Equity, Inclusion, And Understanding –Chair Amy Howard: Presenting during new business.

K. Ad Hoc Committee reports:

Textbook Committee – Nora Allred: *No report*

Ad Hoc Senate COVID-19 committee—*No report*

Committee for On-Campus Events—Josh Loar: *No report*

Senate By-Laws Committee—Jason Gregersen: *Report during new business.*

8. Unfinished business (29:08-1:54:50)

Proposal 45-21: Proposal for Evaluation Procedures of Department Chairs *moved from table to unfinished business*

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

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

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

d. 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All proposals letters d through k *PASSED*

9. New Business (1:54:51-2:02:10)

1. Proposal 61-21: "Proposed Updates for Senate Professional Staff Unit Designations" Presented by: Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
2. Proposal 62-21: "Proposal for the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Draft a Senate Handbook" Presented by: Executive Committee (Voting Units: All)
3. Proposal 54-21: "Course Re-Take Policy" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

10. Public Comments (2:02:10-2:05:10)

11. Adjournment

Sam Sweitz moved to adjourn @ 7:37 p.m.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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CONSTITUENCY	SENATOR	ALTERNATE	SUBSTITUTE

Academic Departments

CONSTITUENCY	SENATOR	ALTERNATE	SUBSTITUTE
1. Army/Air Force ROTC	___ Justin Casey	___ Paul Weiss	_____
2. Biological Sciences	__x_ Michael Gretz	___ Guiliang Tang	_____
3. Biomedical Engineering	___x Jingfeng Jiang	___ Orhan Soykan	_____
4. Chemical Engineering	__x_ Michael Mullins	___ Kurt Rickard	_____
5. Chemistry	__x_ Lanrong Bi	___ Pat Heiden	_____
6. Civil & Environmental	___x Eric Seagren	___ Stan Vitton	_____
7. Cognitive and Learning Sciences	__x_ Kevin Trewartha	___ Kedmon Hungwe	_____
8. College of Computing	__x_ Paniz Hazaveh	___ Nathir Rawashdeh	_____
9. Computer Science	__x_ Keith Vertanen	___ Robert Pastel	_____
10. Electrical & Computer Engineering	__x_ Chee-Wooi Ten	___ VACANT	_____
11. Engineering Fundamentals	__x_ Amber Kemppainen	___ Jon Sticklen	_____
12. Geological and Mining Eng & Sci	___x Greg Waite	___ Radwin Askari	_____
13. Humanities	__x_ Carlos Amador	___ Kette Thomas	_____
14. Kinesiology & Integrative Phy	__x_ William Cooke	___ VACANT	_____
15. Library	__X_ **Nora Allred	___ **Jenn Sams	_____
16. Materials Sci & Eng	___xYu Wang	___Yun Hang Hu	_____
17. Mathematical Sciences	__x_ Jason Gregersen	___Tamara Olson	_____
18. ME-EM	___ Chang Kyoung Choi	_x__ Nancy Barr	_____
19. MMET	__x_ Michelle Jarvie-Eggart	___ David Labyak	_____
20. Physics	__x_ Petra Huentemeyer	___ Jacek Borysow	_____
21. Pavlis Honors College	__x_ Laura Fiss	___ VACANT	_____
22. College of Business	__x_ Robert Hutchinson	___ VACANT	_____
23. College of Forestry	__x_ Mark Rudnicki	___ Paul Doskey	_____
24. Social Sciences	__x_ Samuel Sweitz	___ Adam Wellstead	_____
25. Visual & Performing Arts	__x_ Josh Loar	___ Libby Meyer	_____

Senators-At-Large

CONSTITUENCY	SENATOR		
At-large F	__x_ Anne Beffel		
At-large F	__x_ Carl Blair		
At-large F	___ VACANT		
At-large F	__x_ Stefka Hristova		
At-large S	__x_ Stefani Vargas Krause		
At-large S	_x__ Amy Howard		
At-large S	__x_ Tom Cogswell		

Professional Staff Units

CONSTITUENCY	SENATOR	ALTERNATE	SUBSTITUTE
1. Academic Services A	___ VACANT	___ VACANT	_____
2. Academic Services B	___ Vacant	___ Vacant	_____
3. Academic Services C	__x_ Nicole Seigneurie	___ Vacant	_____
4. Administration A	___ VACANT	___ VACANT	_____
5. Administration B	_x__ Jacob Guter	___ Brian Cadwell	_____
6. Advancement & Alumni Engage	___ Mike Olson	_x__ Lorraine Young	_____
7. Auxiliaries & Athletics	___ VACANT	___ VACANT	_____
8. Information Technology	__x_ Steve Knudstrup	___ David Chard	_____
9. Research 1	___ VACANT	___VACANT	_____
10. Research 2	___ VACANT	___VACANT	_____
11. Student Affairs	__x_Danielle Meirow	___Trish Bennett	_____
12. University Relations and Enroll	__x_ Paige Short	___ VACANT	_____

Official Non-Voting Liaison Members

CONSTITUENCY	SENATOR		
Graduate Faculty Council	___ ?		
Graduate Student Government	___x Nathan Ford		
Staff Council	___ ?		
Undergraduate Student Government	__x_ Harley Merkaj		

Quorums:

	To transact business:	20 of 40
	For academic matters:	14 of 27
	For research matters:	14 of 27

Visitors

Adrienne Minerick
Andrew Storer
Dean Johnson
Jackie Huntoon
Jacque Smith
John Lehman
Theresa Coleman-Kaiser
Will Cantrell
Karen Wade
Leonard Bohmann
Joe Cooper
Joel
Sonia
Stone
Mark Rhodes
Shaun Burriss
Wayne Gersie
Holly Emmert
Jaroslaw Drelich
Soonkwan Hong
David Halonen