The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting #657

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April 8rd, 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: Presentations on Elections, Certificates, and extended comments on New Business

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors (0:00-6:15)

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 add 79-21 to New Business

   Motion passed.

   Motion to approve minutes

   Minutes approved by unanimous consent

   Agenda approved.

2. **Presentation:**

   See under President's Report

3. President's Report (6:20-10:00)

a. Announcement of Post-Pandemic Course Modality Definitions—*Mike Meyer* gave report

b. Motion to Amend Previously Adopted Resolution 41-21

4. Committee Reports [10:00—56:29]

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jason Gregerson: *will present during new business. Sub-working group on a new proposal was moved forward. Provost Huntoon and Anne Beffel presented briefly on this new proposal idea.*

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Mark Rudnicki: Presidential review policy, Senate review policy, also revising the review policies for Deans and Chairs.

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

d. Finance and Institutional Planning— Chair Robert Hutchinson: *will present during new business.*

e. Fringe Benefits Committee – Chair Greg Waite: *No report*

f. Information Technology – Chair Jingfeng Jiang: *Laptop policy survey with an addition of a feedback from students to be emailed directly to Senator Jingfeng Jiang.*

h. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Steve Knudstrup: *See new business for report on staff proposal 62-21*

i. Research Policy – Chair Eric Seagren: *No report*

k. Elections Committee –Chair Anne Beffel: *Elections begun.*

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 (56:32-1:03:00)

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

Motion passed by voice vote

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote

9. New Business (1:03:00-2:24:30)

1. Proposal 43-21: "Proposal to Update Senate Procedure 504.1.1: Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
2. Proposal 44-21: "Reduction of courses at 3000-level or higher in minor programs from 9 to 6" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) –*Presentation by Jared Anderson, VPA chair*
3. Proposal 51-21: "Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Sustainability" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
4. Proposal 58-21: "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
5. Proposal 59-21: "Proposal for a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Environmental Science and Sustainability" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
6. Proposal 60-21: "Procedure for Pilot Testing Modifications to the General Education Programs" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
7. Proposal 63-21: "A New Graduate Certificate: Advanced Computational Physics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
8. Proposal 64-21: "A New Graduate Certificate: Frontiers in Optics, and Photonics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
9. Proposal 65-21: "A New Graduate Certificate: Big Data Statistics in Astrophysics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
10. Proposal 66-21: "A New Graduate Certificate: Frontiers in Materials Physics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

11. Proposal 67-21: "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Profit- Increasing Strategies in Chemical Processing" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
12. Proposal 70-21: "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Medical Imaging" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

13. Proposal 71-21: "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Manufacturing Engineering" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

14. Proposal 72-21: "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in 'Engineering Sustainability and Resilience'" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
15. Proposal 73-21: "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Control Systems" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
16. Proposal 74-21: "Sabbatical Leave for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

17. Proposal 75-21: "Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Social Psychology within the degree Bachelor of Science in Psychology" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
18. Proposal 76-21: "A Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Cognitive Psychology within the degree Bachelor of Science in Psychology" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
19. Proposal 77-21: "A Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Clinical/Counseling Psychology within the degree Bachelor of Science in Psychology" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
20. Proposal 78-21: "Proposal for a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Factors" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
21. Proposal 80-21: "Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Engineering" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
22. Proposal 82-21: "Academic Calendar for 2022-23 and Provisional Calendar for 2023-24" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
23. Proposal 83-21: "Academic Calendar Procedures" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

24. Proposal 84-21: "Evaluation Procedures for Department Chairs" Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
25. Proposal 79-21: "Update Faculty Handbook Section 5.1.2. Exceptional Extension of the Probationary Period" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

10. Public Comments (2:24:07-2:28:41)

11. Adjournment

Sam Sweitz moved to adjourn @ 7:58 pm

Meeting adjourned @ 7:58 pm

ROLL CALL

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CONSTITUENCY	SENATOR	ALTERNATE	SUBSTITUTE
Academic Departments			
Army/Air Force ROTC	___ Justin Casey	___ Paul Weiss	_____
Biological Sciences	__x_ Michael Gretz	___ Guiliang Tang	_____
Biomedical Engineering	___x Jingfeng Jiang	___ Orhan Soykan	_____
Chemical Engineering	__x_ Michael Mullins	___ Kurt Rickard	_____
Chemistry	__x_ Lanrong Bi	___ Pat Heiden	_____
Civil & Environmental	___ Eric Seagren	___ Stan Vitton	_____
Cognitive and Learning Sciences	__x_ Kevin Trewartha	___ Kedmon Hungwe	_____
College of Computing	__x_ Paniz Hazaveh	___ Nathir Rawashdeh	_____
Computer Science	__x_ Keith Vertanen	___ Robert Pastel	_____
Electrical & Computer Engineering	__x_ Chee-Wooi Ten	___ VACANT	_____
Engineering Fundamentals	__x_ Amber Kemppainen	___ Jon Sticklen	
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Geological and Mining Eng & Sci	___x Greg Waite	___ Radwin Askari	
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Humanities	__x_ Carlos Amador	___ Kette Thomas	_____
Kinesiology & Integrative Phy	__x_ William Cooke	___ VACANT	_____
Library	__X_ **Nora Allred	___ **Jenn Sams	_____
Materials Sci & Eng	__x Yu Wang	___Yun Hang Hu	_____
Mathematical Sciences	__x_ Jason Gregersen	___Tamara Olson	_____
ME-EM	__x_ Chang Kyoung Choi	___ Nancy Barr	_____
MMET	__x_ Michelle Jarvie-Eggart	___ David Labyak	_____
Physics	__x_ Petra Huentemeyer	__x_ Jacek Borysow	_____
Pavlis Honors College	___ Laura Fiss	_x__ **Sarah Tan**	
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College of Business	__x_ Robert Hutchinson	___ VACANT	_____
College of Forestry	__x_ Mark Rudnicki	___ Paul Doskey	_____
Social Sciences	__x_ Samuel Sweitz	___ Adam Wellstead	_____
Visual & Performing Arts	__x_ Josh Loar	___ Libby Meyer	_____
Senators-At-Large			
At-large F	__x_ Anne Beffel		
At-large F	__x_ Carl Blair		
At-large F	___ VACANT		
At-large F	___ Stefka Hristova		
At-large S	__x_ Stefani Vargas Krause		
At-large S	_x__ Amy Howard		
At-large S	__x_ Tom Cogswell		
Professional Staff Units			
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	__x_ Mike Olson	___xLorraine Young	_____
7. Auxiliaries & Athletics	___ VANANT	___ 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			
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
For staff matters: 7 of 14
Other: 1/2 of eligible

Visitors
Andre Dabish
Andrew Storer
Jean Kampe
John Doe
Josh Short
Sophie Miller
Theresa Coleman-Kaiser
Tom Cogswell
Yu Wang
Alex Guth
Scott Kuhl
Sue Kerry
Andrew Storer
Austin McFarlane
David Bellinger
Jared Wolfe
Jace Lutey
Evan
Garrett Neese
George Gruver
Holly Emmert
James Schmierer
Janet Callahan
John Lehman
Josh Short
Kelly Steelman
Laurel Schmidt
Leonard Bohmann
Lindsey Wells
Liz F
Mary Raber
Ranjit
Ravi Pandey
Shaun Burriss
Will Cantrell
Yoke Khin Yap
Trevor Maizland
Tao Liu
Brianna Bettin
Trish Heisel
Xinfeng Xie
Sarah Sun