

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Samuel Sweitz, Senate President  
Date: April 21, 2021  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #659  
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**Meeting #659** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 21, 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: 656, 657</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	
<b>8. Unfinished Business</b>	
a. <a href="#">Proposal 43-21</a> : “Proposal to Update Senate Procedure 504.1.1: Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)	30

- b. [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)
- c. [Proposal 51-21](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Sustainability” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- d. [Proposal 58-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- e. [Proposal 59-21](#): “Proposal for a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Environmental Science and Sustainability” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- f. [Proposal 60-21](#): “Procedure for Pilot Testing Modifications to the General Education Programs” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- g. [Proposal 63-21](#): “A New Graduate Certificate: Advanced Computational Physics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- h. [Proposal 64-21](#): “A New Graduate Certificate: Frontiers in Optics, and Photonics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- i. [Proposal 65-21](#): “A New Graduate Certificate: Big Data Statistics in Astrophysics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- j. [Proposal 66-21](#): “A New Graduate Certificate: Frontiers in Materials Physics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- k. [Proposal 67-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Profit-Increasing Strategies in Chemical Processing” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- l. [Proposal 68-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Data Science and Technology” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- m. [Proposal 69-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Advanced Photogrammetry and Mapping with UAS” Presented by Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- n. [Proposal 70-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Medical Imaging” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- o. [Proposal 71-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Manufacturing Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- p. [Proposal 72-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in ‘Engineering Sustainability and Resilience’” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- q. [Proposal 73-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Control Systems” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- r. [Proposal 74-21](#): “Sabbatical Leave for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- s. [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)

- t. [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)
- u. [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)
- v. [Proposal 78-21](#): “Proposal for a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Factors” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- w. [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)
- x. [Proposal 80-21](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- y. [Proposal 82-21](#): “Academic Calendar for 2022-23 and Provisional Calendar for 2023-24” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
- z. [Proposal 83-21](#): “Academic Calendar Procedures” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
- aa. [Proposal 84-21](#): “Evaluation Procedures for Department Chairs” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

## 9. New Business:

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- a. [Proposal 85-21](#): “Proposal to Create a University Teaching-Facilitators Group for Support of Teaching Effectiveness to Resolve Student Concerns” Presented by: Senators Anne Beffel, Carlos Amador, Sam Sweitz, and Robert Hutchinson (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. [Proposal 86-21](#): “2021-22 University Senate Budget” Presented by: Finance and Institutional Planning Committee (Voting Units: All)

## 10. Public Comments

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## 11. Adjournment