## The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Date: 9/30/2021
Subject: Minutes for University Senate Meeting \#662

Video recording of the meeting can be found here:
https://huskycast.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=16f860ed-23c7-4fe7-a372-
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Format: In-person/online

Senate Officers: Sam Sweitz (President), Steve Knudstrup (Vice-President), Kette Thomas (Secretary), Ashley Buchanan (Senate Assistant)

Sam Sweitz called meeting 662 to order at 5:30pm.
Kette Thomas performed roll call and recognized visitors. A quorum was reached.
Motion to approve the agenda for meeting 661. Approved

Motion to approve meeting \#659, Approved with 1 abstention.
Motion to approve meeting \#660, Approved with 1 abstention.
Motion to approve meeting \#661. Approved.

## Presentation: Nathan Ford (Graduate Student Government)

Update: Softball: Congratulations to teams
Fall So Far: (Advocacy, Enrichment, and Community)
Grad Commons: "GSG has secured 207 E. Street (the erstwhile OAP House a.k.a O'Connor
House) to be developed as a Graduate Commons." There is now a graduate space where students can lounge. Should be open to the public in the Spring.

Grammarly@edu. Pilot program will be released from October 25 to December 24. Training will be provided. Anyone with an active MTU ID is welcome to participate. Seeking feedback from users to determine whether it is worth the cost of the software.

Community: Orientations and social events, such as Fall Color Tours was discussed.
Looking ahead:
Advocacy: GEAR; Diversity Committee; Elections: Childcare Access Group
Enrichment: 3MT, Seminar Series
Community: Halloween Escape Room, Travel Grants, and Career Enrichment Grants

## President's Report:

With the list of committee members now, would like to confirm committee lists. Motion to approve lists. Approved.

## Committee Reports:

Academic and Instructional Policy Committee: Tim Scarlett (Chair). Committee has had 2 meetings.

Administrative Policy Committee: Jon Sticklen (Chair). Met 2 times and will submit more later. Curricular Policy Committee: Paul Bergstrom (Chair). Have met $2 x$ and will submit 3 proposals very soon.

Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding (CPFEU): Paige Short (CoChair). Met twice and began working on proposals.

Elections Committee: Seven elections coming up soon.
Finance and Institutional Planning Committee: Still seeking a Chair.

Fringe Benefits Committee: Nothing to report.
Information Technology Committee: Still seeking a Chair.
Professional Staff Policy Committee: Nothing to report.
Research Policy Committee: Nothing to report.
Ad hoc Committee to Draft a Senate Handbook: Paige Short (Chair). Defer to proposal in old business.

Ad hoc Committee on Textbook Affordability: Nothing to report.

## Unfinished Business:

Proposal 1-22 - University Senate Handbook -
Motion to approve the Handbook, as developed under the ad hoc committee on Senate Handbook. Concerns raised about the accessibility of the document. Motion approved.

Proposal 2-22 - Revisions to Procedure 504.1.1 Teaching Effectiveness Evaluations - Tim Scarlett (Chair of AIPC) states there are edits to the current policy with one "major change." Area of greatest concern is the compromising possibilities involved with changes to policy. States that the Board of Trustees wants student comments to be part of the performance review in evaluations. Concerns by faculty about how this data will be used. The process for this revision is not free-form. Rules will be determined by the units. There will be information provided about best practices, so as to avoid complications such as "cherry-picking" evaluations. Best practice is again emphasized as a means of avoiding misuse of freeform comments.

Audience is provided with three choices:
-Can move to vote on the proposal now.
-Can leave it on the table for further discussion in another cycle (Postpone the vote).
-Can leave it alone to "die" on the table.
An audience member suggests there is a fourth option:
-Ask the Board of Trustees to give the Senate this term to work on it.
Concerns raised that other committees should be involved in the processing of this proposal, such as APC because of its involvement with Chair and Dean evaluations.

Recommendation made that explicit information on best practices is provided.
Recommendation made to address problems with understanding and disseminating coding and data.

Motion is made to postpone until October 27. Approved with 1 abstention

## New business:

No new business.

Public Comments:
No public comments.

## Adjournment:

Adjourned.

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Chemical Engineering
Chemistry
Civil \& Environmental
Cognitive and Learning Sciences
Applied Computing
Computer Science
Electrical \& Computer Engineering
Engineering Fundamentals
Geological and Mining Eng \& Sci
Humanities
Kinesiology \& Integrative Phy
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Materials Sci \& Eng
Mathematical Sciences
ME-EM
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Physics
Pavis Honors College
College of Business
College of Forestry
Social Sciences
Visual \& Performing Arts

## ROLL CALL <br> Meeting \#662 2021-22 <br> SENATOR <br> ALTERNATE

Justin Casey

* Michael Gretz.

Sangyoon Han:
$\neq$ Kurt Rickard -
Lanrong Bi -
Eric Seagren -
Erich Petushek
Paniz Hazaveh
Keith Vertanen -
Chee-Wooi Ten -
Jon Sticklen -
Greg Waite -
Kate Thomas
$\rho$ Qing-Hui Chen
**Nora Allied -
$\neq$ Erik Herbert
William Keith -
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Rick Berkey -
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Laura Piss
Robert Hutchinson -
Paul Donkey -
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Samuel Switz -
Paul Weiss

- Guiliang Tang

Y Michael Mullins

- Pat Heiden
- Scott Kuhl
-Brett Hamlin
John Gierke
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Zhiying Shan

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- Bryan Suits

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_ Tim Scarlett

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-Kevin Trewartha

- Nathir Rawashdeh
- Paul Bergstrom

ॠ ** Pattie Luokkanen
Steve Kampe
Tamara Olson
David Labyak
Х Jeff Wall Robert on sabbatical this semester

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3. Academic Services C
4. Administration $A$
5. Administration $B$
6. Advancement \& Alumni Engage
7. Auxiliaries \& Athletics
8. Information Technology
9. Research 1
10. Research 2
11. Student Affairs
12. University Relations and Enroll

Susanne Kilpela

- Libby Meyer

Carl Blair
Radwin Askari
L. Alexandra Morrison Stefka Hristova Courtney Archambeau -
Shaun Burris -
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Official Non-Voting Liaison Members
Graduate Faculty Council
Graduate Student Government
Staff Council
Undergraduate Student Government

Quorums: To transact business: For academic matters:

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29 September 2021

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