

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Date: 09/28/2022

Subject: Minutes for University Senate Meeting #676

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Format: In-person/Online

Senate Officers: Michael Mullins (President), Steve Knudstrup (Vice-President), Robert Hutchinson (Secretary), Ashley Buchanan (Senate Assistant)

President Mullins called meeting 676 to order at 5:30pm.

Roll called by Secretary Hutchinson. Quorum met: 25 academic/ 9 staff senators in attendance. (Absentee list: Justin Casey, L. Alexandra Morrison, Courtney Archambeau, Quincy Higgins)

Motion made to approve agenda for meeting 676 - motion passed.

Motion made to approve the minutes for meeting 675 - motion passed.

Presentations: no presentations made. Forthcoming suggestions including: President Koubek, master plan, ombud's office, budget

President's Report:

- a. Graduate School Dean Review Committee: tenured faculty volunteer needed. Solicitation will be made via online survey. *I.s.* volunteers need for *ad hoc* committee on senate meeting time and participation.
- b. Executive Committee meeting minutes are now posted on senate website.
- c. Motion made to form *ad hoc* bylaw's committee for the year. There are numerous proposals that may require changes to the bylaws, including 2-23 "Amending the University Senate bylaws to allow removal of elected officers" currently under review by the APC and EC.

Committee Reports:

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jeremy Shannon. No report.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chairs Eric Seagren and Jon Sticklen. No report.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom. 3-23 coming, working closely with FIPC.
- d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chair Lindsey Wells. Gathering info on meeting times issue.
- e. Elections – Chair Anne Beffel. One faculty, one staff at-large opening to be filled.
- f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chairs Carl Blair and Paul Weiss. No report.

- g. Fringe Benefits – Chairs Patrice Cobin and Radwin Askari. Coming work with BAC on child care and living wage resolutions.
- h. Information Technology – No representation.
- i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Paige Short. Establishing goals and priorities for the year, with an emphasis on increasing staff participation.
- j. Research Policy – Chair Kelsey Kocher. No report.
- k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports – No report.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Proposal 37-22: “2023-24 Academic Calendar and Provisional Calendar for 2024-25”
Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy (Voting Units: Full Senate)
 - Presented by the AIPC and Senate Executive Committee. Opening remarks by President Mullins, Provost Storer, and Registrar Jaques. A calendar must be passed tonight as it is already more than 6 months behind.
 - Much discussion given to Math concerns. Both the senator from Math and math faculty were present and highlighted math labs (MA2331 linear algebra) run on half semester. Having fall break in week 7 is the finals week for Track A for these labs. Breaks in the fall already fall disproportionately to the Track A (K Day, Labor Day, Career Fair). No other concrete course conflicts were noted.
 - Motion made to remove fall break from calendar, and almost died but for last moment second. Further discussion revealed continued and general support for fall break. A compromise amendment to the motion would drop fall break in 2023 only, allowing time to find solutions to the issues brought forward by the math department. Discussion ended by a call to vote, which passed by roll call vote. Motion to drop fall break in 2023 passed by roll call vote.
 - Proposal 37-22 passed establishing an academic calendar with classes starting on the last Monday in August passed by roll call vote.
 - Vote tallies are maintained by Secretary Hutchinson.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Adjourn

- Motion made; no discussion, no vote necessary.

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VISITORS LIST

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	Name	Department or other affiliation
1.	Theresa Jacques	Registrar's office
2.	Ardaan Sooren	Pastor's Office
3.	Cheyenne Scott	USG
4.	Danielle Morrow	Student Leadership + Inclusion
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