The University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Date: 01/18/23
Subject: Minutes for University Senate Meeting #681

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https://huskycast.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=60499154-f3d5-4fbd-833a-af8f00df1aba

Format: In-person/Online

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

President Mullins called meeting 681 to order at 5:30pm.

Roll called by Secretary Hutchinson. Quorum met: 24 academic/ 8 staff senators in attendance. (Absentee list: Justin Casey, Erich Petushek, Qing-Hui Chen, Pattie Luokkanen, Quincy Higgins, Mike Olson, Kelsey Kocher)

Motion made to approve agenda for meeting 681 - motion made to alter agenda moving 10-23 to the last action item. Motion passed. Approval of revised agenda motioned and approved.

Motion made to approve minutes from meetings #680 – motion passed resoundingly.

Presentations: None. Scheduled report of advancement by Bill Roberts postponed till March 22.

President's Report: Important proposals coming this semester for Essential Education, job security for instructional faculty, and chair search/review procedures.
Committee Reports:

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jeremy Shannon reporting. 1-23 to be presented. In communication with Shari Stockero regarding the proposal for job security for instructional faculty.

b. Administrative Policy – Chair Jon Sticklen reporting. Chair search/review proposal in progress and should be presented in early March.

c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom reporting. Essential Education proposal currently being reviewed by the Gen Ed Council. Program overview Q&A to be announced for 24 January (15:30-16:30) and 25 January (09:00-10:00) in the Library East Reading Room and additionally on Zoom 27 January (14:00-15:00) to be distributed in calendar invitation.

d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chair Lindsey Wells reporting. New business following; working on mental health proposal.

e. Elections – Chair Anne Beffel reporting. At-large election survey forthcoming.

f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair reporting. Working with CPC

concurrently.

g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Patrice Cobin reporting. Refining Husky Health survey to all constituents. Not certain about unionized staff participation.

h. Information Technology – Chair Scott Kuhl reporting. Introducing laptop requirements in new business.

i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Paige Short reporting. Continued work on identifying barriers to staff participation on senate.

j. Research Policy – Chair Kelsey Kocher reporting. No report.

k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  1. Committee to Evaluate Senate Meeting Times – Laura Fiss Reporting. Draft proposal draft in progress.
  2. Committee to Amend the Senate Bylaws – continue working on proposal to create a mechanism for the removal of senate officers.

Unfinished Business
a. Proposal 8-23: "Proposal to Change Eligibility for Emeritus Status" Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.
b. Proposal 11-23: "Assist Michigan Tech's Iranian Community" Presented by: Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding (Voting Units: All)) – motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.
c. Proposal 10-23: "Update 2023-2024 Academic Calendar and Provisional 2024-2025 Academic Calendar to Include October Recess" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)) – motioned and seconded. Amendment made to move career fair to the same week. Motion seconded and unanimously rejected. Original proposal passed unanimously.

New Business
a. Proposal 12-23: "Update Student Computing Device Requirements" Presented by: Information Technology Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – much discussion on support for Mac users. Desire expressed for committee to include minimum equivalent Mac requirements. Problematic as some programs (e.g. All Apps) not supported. Additional discussion on supporting students financially unable to purchase a new, conforming laptop.

Public Comments – Student comment that laptop requirements often exceed what is actually needed for many students. Much IT jargon used; only VP Knundstrup could understand.

Adjournment
-   Motion made; no discussion, no vote necessary.

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING #681
VISITORS LIST

18 January 2023

	Name	Department or other affiliation
1.	Anders Lien	Student of MTU
2.	Jack Philp	EE Student
3.	Jacob Arundel	MeeM Student
4.	Paul Badour	CS Student
5.	Sam Denbow	ME Student
6.	Connor Flynn	CS Student
7.	Jake Miller	USG
8.	Billy Buchalski	USG
9.	Vince Kronenberg	student
10.	Noah Baliat	Student
11.	Jacob Wilkins	SWE Student
12.	Noah Spranger	WHSA
13.	James Hays	Student
14.	Casey Baldwin	student
15.	James Taylor	~~WHSA~~ WHSA
16.	Reid Beckes	USG
17.	Jay Sweeney	STUDENT
18.	Sydney Denhert	USG
19.	Kelvin Glasser	student
20.	Jenna Weiler	USG
	Cheyenne Scott	USG
	Claire Holmes-Serrano	ResEd
	Talia Olson	SWE
	Andrew Storer	Provost's Office