

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Date: 02/15/2023

Subject: Minutes for University Senate Meeting #683

Video recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://huskycast.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=7d214f8e-6e1e-4492-b1fd-afab010294c2>

Format: In-person/Online

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

President Mullins called meeting 683 to order at 17:30.

Roll called by Secretary Hutchinson. Quorum met: 26 academic/ 10 staff senators in attendance. (Absentee list: Justin Casey, Michael Gretz, Alexandra Morrison, Quincy Higgins, Jessica Stormoen)

Motion made to approve agenda for meeting 683 - motion made and approved.

Motion made to approve minutes from meetings #682 – motion made and passed.

Presentations: Ombuds Susanna Peters (04:40-11:15 on video recording)

President's Report

- a. Thank you for many years of service and great attitude to VP Steve Knudstrup!
- b. Statement on Michigan State tragedy read into the minutes. (14:30-17:00 on video recording)

Committee Reports:

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jeremy Shannon reporting. Continue work on 5-23: modification to policy 109.1 on academic integrity. Proposal 1-23 as action item tonight. No other report.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Jon Sticklen reporting. Working with Beth Lunde-Stockero and Adriene Minnerick on chair search/review proposal.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom reporting. Three shelving proposals as new business. Reviewing Essential Ed. proposal. Reviewing 16-23 BS in Data Science.
- d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chair Lindsey Wells reporting. Working on mental health proposal, the importance of which is highlighted in the president’s statement on MSU.
- e. Elections – Chair Anne Beffel reporting. Preparing for VP search and vacancy on Faculty Distinguished Service Award committee.
- f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair reporting. Reviewing Essential

Ed. proposal. Issues more likely with financial model than educational model.

g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Radwin Askari reporting. Husky Health survey is currently distributed to constituents.

h. Information Technology – VP Knudstrup reporting. Proposal 12-23 has been signed by the administration. Individual departments may have higher requirements.

i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Paige Short reporting. New business tonight with ad-hoc committee.

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

k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Committee to Evaluate Senate Meeting Times – Laura Fiss Reporting. New business.

2. Committee to Amend the Senate Bylaws – Pattie Luokkanen reporting. Continue working on language regarding proposal to create a mechanism for the removal of senate officers.

Unfinished Business

- a. [Proposal 1-23](#): “Process for Joint Appointment Procedures for Tenure and Promotion Review”
Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – Motioned, seconded, and passed.

New Business

- a. [Proposal 13-23](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: 3+1 Cytotechnology (SML4)”
Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. [Proposal 14-23](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: 4+1 Cytotechnology (SML6)”
Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. [Proposal 15-23](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: 4+1 Histotechnology (SML7)”
Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

*The previous three proposals to be presented as a slate.

- d. [Proposal 17-23](#): “Senate Meeting Times” Presented by: Senate Meeting Times (Voting Units: All)
– presented by the ad-hoc committee. Much discussion regarding pros and cons of meetings during business hours.

Public Comments – none.

Adjournment – motioned, seconded, passed without discussion.

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VISITORS LIST

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