

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Date: 03/22/2023

Subject: Minutes for University Senate Meeting #685

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Format: In-person/Online

Senate Officers: Michael Mullins (President), Paige Short (Vice President), Robert Hutchinson (Secretary), Ashley Buchanan (Senate Assistant)

President Mullins called meeting 685 to order at 17:30.

Roll called by Secretary Hutchinson. Quorum met: 26 academic/ 6 staff senators in attendance. (Absentee list: Justin Casey, Sue Collins, Ezra Bar Ziv, Alexandra Morrison, Courtney Archambeau, John Lenters, Lindsey Wells, Quincy Higgins, Mike Olson)

Motion made to approve agenda for meeting 685 – Motioned. Passed. Agenda approved.

Motion made to approve minutes from meetings #684 – Motioned. Passed.

Presentations: Bill (06:00-17:15 on video recording)

President's Report

- a. Provost candidates on campus now.
- b. VP nominations closing tomorrow.

Committee Reports:

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jeremy Shannon reporting. No new business.
- b. Administrative Policy – Chair Eric Seagren reporting. Working to finalize chair search/review proposal.
- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom reporting. New business below.
- d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chair Lindsey Wells reporting. Working on mental health proposal.
- e. Elections – Chair Anne Beffel reporting. Candidate bios on senate website. Final call for nominations from floor on April 5th meeting.
- f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair reporting. New business below.
- g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Radwin Askari reporting. Old business below.
- h. Information Technology – Scott Kuhl present. No report.

- i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Paige Short reporting.
- j. Research Policy – Chair Kelsey Kocher present. No report.
- k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - 1. Committee to Evaluate Senate Meeting Times – Laura Fiss; no report.
 - 2. Committee to Amend the Senate Bylaws – Pattie Luokkanen reporting. New business below.

Unfinished Business

- a. [Proposal 20-23](#): “Proposal to Correct Bylaws Language Describing Nomination Acceptance” Presented by: Ad-hoc Committee to Amend the Bylaws and Elections Committee (Voting Units: All) – Motioned, seconded, passed.
- b. [Resolution 21-23](#): “Improve Michigan Tech’s Graduate Student Health Care Benefits” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All) – Motioned, seconded, passed.
- a. [Emergency Resolution 26-23](#): “Emergency Resolution to Support the Development of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program at Michigan Tech” Presented by: Robert Hutchinson (Senate Secretary) and Paul Bergstrom (Chair of the Senate Curricular Policy Committee) (Voting Units: All) – motioned, seconded. Discussion:

Much discussion regarding coming proposal for CPC, accreditation, and faculty tenure status. Proposal should be ready by next meeting, or may require additional meeting in May, which has been scheduled. Will need to reapply for accreditation as Michigan Tech. Current chair, Laurie Sullivan, to join Tech over summer and begin working on State Board of Nursing accreditation. Finlandia faculty will join Tech as teaching-track faculty.

New Business

- a. [Proposal 2-23](#): “Amending the University Senate Bylaws to Allow Removal of Elected Officers” Presented by: Ad-hoc Committee to Amend the Bylaws (Voting Units: All)
- b. [Proposal 16-23](#): “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree in Data Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. [Proposal 18-23](#): “Proposal to Revise General Education Requirements (Essential Education) for Bachelor Degrees” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- a. [Proposal 27-23](#): “Proposal to Update Bylaws and Constitution to Clarify Senate Elections” Presented by: Ad-hoc Committee to Amend the Bylaws and Elections Committee (Voting Units: All)

Public Comments – none.

Adjournment – motioned, seconded, passed without discussion.

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VISITORS LIST

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	Name	Department or other affiliation
1.	David Flaspohler	CFRES
2.	Laura Brown	Computer Science
3.	Will Cantrell	Graduate School
4.	Andrew Storer	Provost Office
5.	Marika Seigel	Paulist/Assoc Provost
6.	Kelly Steelman	CLS/IDEATHUB
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