The University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Date: 04/05/2023
Subject: Minutes for University Senate Meeting #686

Video recording of the meeting can be found here:

https://huskycast.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=9393b86c-eddf-4dab-b164-afdc00d8ebde

Format: In-person/Online

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

President Mullins called meeting 686 to order at 17:33.

Roll called by Secretary Hutchinson. Quorum met: 28 academic/ 8 staff senators in attendance. (Absentee list: Justin Casey, Courtney Archambeau, Jessica Stormoen, Christine Grotzke)


Motion made to approve minutes from meetings #685 – Motioned. One senator pointed out that minutes were not available on previous Friday with the current agenda. Agreed that we would amend as necessary. Passed.

Presentations: Senate Officer Candidate Presentations (from 12:00 to 16:00 on video)
   a. Confirmed Candidate(s) for President: Robert Hutchinson
   b. Confirmed Candidate(s) for Vice President: Paige Short
   c. Confirmed Candidate(s) for Secretary: nomination from the floor for Radwin Askari - accepted

President's Report
   a. Vote of acclamation to approve representatives on Faculty Distinguished Service Award Committee – Eric Seagren and Lanrong Bi approved by acclamation

Committee Reports:
   b. Administrative Policy – Chair Jon Sticklen reporting. New business below.
   c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom reporting. Old and new business below.
   d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – incorporating feedback from benefits committee in mental health proposal. Hope to have for new business at next meeting.
   e. Elections – Chair Anne Beffel reporting. No additional business.
   f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair reporting. Will answer questions
on essential education proposal.
g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Radwin Askari reporting. Short presentation on resolution on equitable wages below in new business.
h. Information Technology – No representative.
i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Christine Grotzke reporting. Met with new HR director.
k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
   1. Committee to Amend the Senate Bylaws – Pattie Luokkanen reporting. Proposal to allow for removal of elected officers in business below.

Unfinished 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) – motioned, seconded, passed unanimously.
b. Proposal 16-23: “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree in Data Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – motioned, seconded, passed unanimously.
c. Proposal 18-23: “Proposal to Revise General Education Requirements (Essential Education) for Bachelor Degrees” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – motioned, seconded. Vigorous discussion, particularly on DEIS components and communication from the committee. Committee chairs pointed out that this committee has had months (even years) of open workshops, presentations to individual units, and to the senate and appropriate committees. “Essential experience” could be bottleneck and need to ramp up. 50% of courses already available. Individual units have incentive/opportunity to develop ways to satisfy additional essential ed. requirements. Financial issues addressed by FIPC chair. See video for discussion. Passed with two nays.
d. 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) – motioned, seconded, passed unanimously.
e. Proposal 41-22: “Amendments to the University Senate Constitution” Previously approved by the Senate on 4/6/22 but the administration came back with requested modifications that the Senate needs to vote on (Voting Units: All) – motion to table, seconded, passed.

New Business
b. Resolution 24-23: “Resolution to Provide All Michigan Technological University Employees an Equitable Living Wage” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All) – presentation available on senate website. Much discussion on disparities, particularly gender disparities on unionized staff positions.
d. Proposal 28-23: “Establishment of a Associate of Science in Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – expect other units will follow.

e. Proposal 29-23: “Proposal for a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Environmental Data Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)


i. Proposal 33-23: “Bachelor of Science in Nursing” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)


l. Proposal 38-23: “Proposal to Modify Senate Procedure Procedure 507.1.1 PROCEDURE TO ENHANCE CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY IN ADMINISTRATORS REVIEW SURVEYS” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)


Public Comments – One comment for president elect regarding meeting lengths.

Adjournment – motioned, seconded, passed without discussion.
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