

## **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)

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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 agenda for meeting 686 – Motioned. Amendment made to add proposals 37-23,38-23, and 39-23 as new business. Passed. Agenda approved.

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:**

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Jeremy Shannon reporting. New business below.
- 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.

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

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**

- a. [Proposal 23-23](#): “Academic Calendar for 2024-2025 and Provisional Academic Calendar for 2025-2026” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All) – vigorous discuss of spring semesters’ schedule of starts and breaks.
- 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.
- c. [Proposal 25-23](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Water Resources Systems” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

- 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)
- f. [Proposal 30-23](#): “Establishment of a Master of Science in Applied Computer Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – coursework degree.
- g. [Proposal 31-23](#): “Establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- h. [Proposal 32-23](#): “Establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Foundations of Health Informatics” 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)
- j. [Proposal 36-23](#): “Proposal to Modify Senate Procedure 805.1.1: Search Procedures for Departmental Chairs and School Deans” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
- k. [Proposal 37-23](#): “Proposal to Modify Senate Procedure Procedure 506.1.1 EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AND SCHOOL DEANS” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
- 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)
- a. [Proposal 39-23](#): “Resolution to Improve Husky Health Benefit” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

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

**Adjournment** – motioned, seconded, passed without discussion.

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VISITORS LIST

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	Name	Department or other affiliation
1.	Laura Brown	Computer Science
2.	Maria Bergstrom	Humanities
3.	Shekhar Joshi	Biology
4.	Don Latrenee	Social Sciences
5.	Amy Monte	Eng. Fund.
6.	Angela Stora	Provost Office
7.	Dan Fuhrmann	Applied Computing
8.	Marika Seigel	Paulis / Provost's Office
9.	Travis Wakham	BioSci
10.	Zhanlin Wang	CS
11.	Kelly Steelman	CLS
12.	LAURA BULLETT	STUDENT AFFAIRS
13.	Leonard Bohmann	College of Engineering
14.	BRETT HAMLIN	Eng. Fund.
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