The University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Date: 04/19/2023
Subject: Minutes for University Senate Meeting #687

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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 687 to order at 17:30.

Roll called by Secretary Hutchinson. Quorum met: 25 academic/ 11 staff senators in attendance. (Absentee list: Justin Casey, Eric Seagren, Quing-Hui Chen, Alexandra Morrison)

Motion made to approve agenda for meeting 687 – Motioned. Passed. Agenda approved.

Motion made to approve minutes from meetings #686 – Motioned. One senator requested that additional discussion be noted on essential ed. proposal, specifically that not enough time was given to consider. Another pointed out that it had been discussed for many months on campus, within departments, and on the senate floor. Request withdrawn. Minutes approved.

Presentations: New senate officers made brief statements.

President's Report
a. Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 6.

Committee Reports:


b. Administrative Policy – Chair Jon Sticklen reporting. New business below.

c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom reporting. Gratitude to committee and ex officio members for hard work this year.

d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chair Lindsey Wells reporting. Jessica Stoermon to report on mental health proposal next meeting.

e. Elections – Chair Anne Beffel reporting. No business.


g. Fringe Benefits – Chairs Radwin Askari and Patrice Cobin reporting. Safety task force presentation coming on risks and preparedness.

h. Information Technology – No representative.
i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Christine Grotzke reporting. Working on systematic inventory of departments and needs.
k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Committee to Amend the Senate Bylaws – Pattie Luokkanen reporting.

Unfinished Business

e. Proposal 29-23: “Proposal for a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Environmental Data Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – much debate. Dispute between departments not resolved. Much confusion between programs for potential students. Motion to table and for college/department to further discuss. Motion passed. Proposal tabled.


New Business

Public Comments – none.

Adjournment – motioned, seconded, passed without discussion.
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