

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 Request withdrawn.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:

- 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. 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.
- f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair reporting. Budget proposal with new 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.

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

k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

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

Unfinished 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) – Registrar creates calendar based on university senate policies and procedures. Task force formed to review holistically these policies and procedures. Passed.
- b. [Resolution 24-23](#): “Resolution to Provide All Michigan Technological University Employees an Equitable Living Wage” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All) – discussion about survey instrument and participation rates. Passed.
- c. [Proposal 25-23](#): “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Water Resources Systems” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – no debate. Passed.
- d. [Proposal 28-23](#): “Establishment of a Associate of Science in Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – discussion about past decision to exit associate degree business. Potential for additional associate degrees in other colleges and departments. Attractive for MI “TIP” students. Passed.
- 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.
- f. [Proposal 30-23](#): “Establishment of a Master of Science in Applied Computer Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – no debate. Passed.
- g. [Proposal 31-23](#): “Establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – Motion to unite two proposals (31&32) as a slate. Passed by unanimous consent. No debate. Passed.
- h. [Proposal 32-23](#): “Establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Foundations of Health Informatics” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – see above. Passed.
- i. [Proposal 33-23](#): “Bachelor of Science in Nursing” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) – no debate. Kudos on well-written proposal from one senator. Passed.
- 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) – debate around student participation. Call for vote and end of discussion. Motion passed. Proposal passed with one against.
- 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) – proposal to accept with an enthusiastic second. little debate. Passed.

- 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) – Passed.
- m. [Proposal 39-23](#): “Resolution to Improve Husky Health Benefit” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All) – no debate. Passed.

New Business

- a. [Proposal 40-23](#): “Senate Budget for 2023-24” Presented by: Finance and Institutional Planning (Voting Units: All) – no debate.

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.	DAN FUHRMANN	APPLIED COMPUTING
2.	Amy Monte	Engineering Fundamentals
3.	Theresa Jacques	Registrar's office
4.	David Flaspohler	CFRES
5.	BRETT Hauhin	Eng Fund
6.	Shikhar Joshi	Biological Sci
7.	Andrew Storer	PROVOST OFFICE
8.	Marika Seigel	Paulis / Provost's Office
9.	Travis Wakeham	BioSci
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