

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President
Date: October 4, 2023
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #690
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Meeting #690 of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023 in DOW room 642.**

Senators are responsible for making their constituents aware of the agenda for this meeting. Senators who are unable to attend should arrange for their alternates to attend in their place.

Agenda	Time
Call to Order	
Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors	5
Quorum was met. 33 senators were present.	
Absents: Michael Gretz, Ramy Alganaini, Joel Neves, Lindsey Wells, Quincy Higgins, Patrice Cobin, and Karlee Westrem (non-voting member).	
Approval of Agenda	2
The agenda was approved.	
Approval of Minutes from Meeting 689	5
Minutes from Meeting 689 were approved.	
Presentations	0
No presentation.	
President's Report	10
No President reports.	
Committee Reports	10
a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Stephen Morse	
They are working to elect a chair.	
b. Administrative Policy – Chairs Jon Sticklen and Eric Seagren	
They had a meeting to agree on a meeting time. There are several proposals to be worked on.	
c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom	
They have received three proposals. There are also two minor proposals. They will decide whether they should go to the dean council.	
d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding –	
Chairs Lanrong Bi and Sangyoon Han	

Nothing to report.

- e. Elections – Chair Laura Fiss

They got ballots for the academic advising group.

- f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair

They continued to gather information about the past and current enrollments.

- g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Patrice Cobin

They are working on the TRIP benefit related to posthumousness.

- h. Information Technology – Chair Paniz Hazaveh

Nothing to report.

- i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Christine Grotzke

Nothing to report.

- j. Research Policy – Chair Kelsey Kocher

Nothing to report.

- k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Nothing to report.

- a. Ad-hoc Academic Calendar Committee

Unfinished Business

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- a. [Proposal 1-24](#): “Amending the Scheduling of Spring Break in Senate Procedure

101.1.1” Presented by: Ad-hoc Academic Calendar Committee (Voting Units: All)

Presented by Ad Hoc Committee: They received good feedback about moving the spring break after week 8.

The proposal was discussed. In the current calendar, it was hard for students to concentrate on their courses right after the Winter Carnival as they spring break was not far from it.

Motion to approve the proposal.

The proposal was approved.

New Business

- a. None

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Public Comments

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Many students think that the October Recess is one weeklong. We should clarify that it is two-day long, and the classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Adjournment