

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President
Date: October 18, 2023
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #691
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Meeting #691 of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 18, 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
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Call to Order	
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Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors	5
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Quorum was met.

Absents: Gerard Caneba, Erich Petushek, Paniz Hazaveh, Bo Chen, Jon Sticklen, Steve, Kampe, Courtney Archambeau, Lindsey Wells, Paige Short, Karlee Westrem (non-voting), and Mason Krause (non-voting).

Approval of Agenda	
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The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting 690	5
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The minutes from meeting 690 were approved.

Presentations	0
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No presentation.

President's Report	5
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- While service on the senate is important to the university, some department chairs do not appreciate it.
- If someone passes away during his service to the university, some benefits should be continued for his/her dependents.

Committee Reports

- a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Stephen Morse

They met and Courtney Archambeau will be on the Executive Committee meetings.

- b. Administrative Policy – Chairs Jon Sticklen and Eric Seagren

They are working on a few items:

1. The university president evaluation
2. Search proposals that they have been revamping since last year, for which they had a productive meeting with the provost.

- c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom

They are working on three proposals.

- d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chairs Lanrong Bi and Sangyoon Han

Nothing to report.

- e. Elections – Chair Laura Fiss

They will be sending out a survey about options for service on university committees, which are organized by type of appointments.

- f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair

Nothing to report.

- g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Patrice Cobin

They are working Proposal 5-24, as a new business.

- h. Information Technology – Chair Paniz Hazaveh

No report.

- i. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Christine Grotzke

They are working on a proposal so the staff service on the senate to be recognized.

- j. Research Policy – Chair Kelsey Kocher

Nothing to report.

- k. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a. Ad-hoc Academic Calendar Committee

They are looking at the survey data to take the best approaches for the spring semester.

Unfinished Business

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- a. None

No unfinished business.

New Business

- a. [Proposal 5-24](#): “Proposal to Extend Employee Benefits Posthumously to Surviving Beneficiaries” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)

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The proposal was presented by Patric Cobin.

The proposal was discussed, and the main concern was to ensure no other challenges will raise due to the three-month time frame.

Public Comments

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No Public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.