

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President  
Date: February 14, 2024  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #697  
Copies: President, Provost, Board of Trustees Secretary, Vice Presidents, Library, Staff Council Chair, *Tech Today*, Michigan Tech Lode

**Meeting #697** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 14, 2024 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

### Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors 5

The quorum was met.

Absents: Travis Ellison, Michael Gretz, Ramy Al-Ganainy, Joel Neves, Courtney Archambeau, Lindsey Wells, Quincy Higgins, Kelsey Kocher, Mason Krause (non-voting member).

### Approval of Agenda 2

The agenda was approved.

### Approval of Minutes from Meeting [696](#) 5

Minutes from meeting [696](#) were approved.

### Presentations 0

No presentation.

### President's Report 5

No president report.

### Committee Reports 10

a. Academic and Instructional Policy – Chair Paniz Hazaveh

They are working on the Instructional Track Faculty Reappointment and Promotion Review proposal.

b. Administrative Policy – Chairs Jon Sticklen and Eric Seagren

The president survey has been sent out. They are also working on the chair proposal.

c. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom

They have several proposals, some of which have been approved and the rest are under consideration. The Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering proposal is also coming up.

Please put your proposals in the [128.1.17 proposal guide line](#).

d. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding –

Chairs Lanrong Bi and Sangyoon Han

They have met with different offices at the university for feedback about the mental health proposal. They are working on a student survey about it too.

e. Elections – Chair Laura Fiss

They sent a ballot out right for the committee that is about affordable materials.

f. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair

Nothing to report.

g. Fringe Benefits – Chair Patrice Cobin

Nothing to report.

h. Information Technology – Chair

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

a. Ad-hoc Academic Calendar Committee

The Calendar Committee hasn't met.

## Unfinished Business

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- a. [Proposal 8-24](#): “Proposal for shelving the Master of Science in Forestry (Senate Procedure 414.1.1)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Approved.

[Proposal 11-24](#): “Defining Digital Badges” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Paul Bergstrom: This proposal has raised many interests.

This is an alternative path to present some credential equivalent to 20-hour training.

The registrar’s office is the owner of the platform.

Jon Sticklen raised some concerns about ownership and asked the proposal to be tabled so these concerns are addressed.

Paul Bergstrom: This proposal is not about ownership. The university has a policy about IP that follows the federal laws.

Some senators disagreed with Sticklen’s points about ownership.

Paige Short: She is not sure if badging will give extra benefits to students.

The motion to table the proposal was approved.

The proposal was voted on: 16 yes vs 7 no.

The proposal was tabled.

## New Business

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- a. [Proposal 4-24](#): “Establishment of a MS in Wildlife Ecology & Conservation Developed by College of Forest Resources and Environmental Science Graduate Studies Committee” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- b. [Proposal 9-24](#): “Minor in Water Resource Recovery Technology” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- c. [Proposal 12-24](#): “Proposal to shelve a program - MS in Integrated Geospatial Technology (TGT)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- d. [Proposal 13-24](#): “Proposal to shelve a program - graduate certificate in Geospatial Data Science and Technology (CGDS)” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
- e. [Proposal 15-24](#): “Proposal to Shelve Graduate Certificate in Post-Secondary STEM Education” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

- f. [Proposal 16-24](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Business Information Systems” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
[Paul Bergstrom introduced all above proposals.](#)

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**Public Comments**

[No public comments.](#)

**Adjournment**

[The meeting was adjourned.](#)