

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President  
Date: April 17, 2025  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #720  
Copies: President, Provost, Board of Trustees Secretary, Vice Presidents, Library, Staff Council  
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**Meeting #720** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, April 17, 2025 in ChemSci room 102.**

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.

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	
<b>Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors</b>	<b>5</b>
Quorum met.	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>2</b>
Approved unanimously.	
<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting 718 and <a href="#">719</a></b>	<b>5</b>
Approved unanimously for both #718 and #719	
<b>President's Report</b>	<b>5</b>
Brief report on the elections. Dr. Hutchinson (president), Ms. Cobin (vice president), and Dr. Hassel (senate secretary) were elected as officers.	
a. <a href="#">Memo re Academic Calendars</a>	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>30</b>
a. <a href="#">Proposal 23-25</a> : "Minor in Entrepreneurship" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) Dr. Shannon introduced the proposal. Passed unanimously.	
b. <a href="#">Proposal 24-25</a> : "Minor in AI Ethics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) Dr. Shannon introduced the proposal. Passed unanimously.	
c. <a href="#">Proposal 26-25</a> : "Proposed Changes to Policy 109.1" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All) Mr. Bishop introduced the proposal on behalf of the committee. Passed unanimously.	
d. <a href="#">Proposal 27-25</a> : "Proposed Changes to Procedure 109.1.1" Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: All) Dr. Hazaveh introduced the proposal. Passed unanimously.	
e. <a href="#">Proposal 28-25</a> : "Proposal for shelving minor in Sustainability Science and Society" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) Dr. Shannon introduced the proposal. Passed unanimously.	

- f. [Proposal 29-25](#): “Proposal to Shelve the Minor in Naval Systems Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Dr. Shannon introduced the proposal. Passed unanimously.
- g. [Proposal 32-25](#): “Proposal to Establish the MTU Retirement - Retaining Expertise Plan” Presented by: Fringe Benefits Committee (Voting Units: All)  
Dr. Wagner introduced the proposal. Discussion regarding mechanisms for this proposed policy. Passed with two senators in opposition.
- h. [Proposal 33-25](#): “Proposal to Update the Senate Bylaws” Presented by: Elections, Bylaws, and Constitution Committee (Voting Units: All)  
Dr. L. Fiss presented the proposal. Discussion regarding why a tenure track Assistant Professors or Assistant Teaching Professor could serve as Senate Secretary as opposed to tenured or associate level teaching professors. A reasoning was presented why that scope was omitted. Passed unanimously.
- i. [Proposal 34-25](#): “Half Semester Course Policy 305.1” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy (Voting Units: Academic)  
Dr. Hazaveh presented the proposal. Passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

- a. [Proposal 35-25](#): “Senate Budget for 2025-26” Presented by: Finance and Institutional Planning Committee (Voting Units: All)  
Ms. K. Sague presented the proposed senate budget for the following academic year.

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### **Public Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 12:58 pm.

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