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
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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.

Agenda	Time
Call to Order	
Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors	**5**
a. Quorum met	
Approval of Agenda	**2**
a. Approved unanimously.	
Approval of Minutes from Meeting 718 and 719	**5**
a. Approved unanimously for both #718 and #719	
President's Report	**5**

    a. Brief report on the elections. Dr. Hutchinson (president), Ms. Cobin (vice president), and Dr. Hassel (senate secretary) were elected as officers.

                i. Memo re Academic Calendars

	Time
Committee Reports	**10**
Unfinished Business	**30**

    a. Proposal 23-25: "Minor in Entrepreneurship" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
Dr. Shannon introduced the proposal. Passed unanimously.

    b. Proposal 24-25: "Minor in AI Ethics" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
Dr. Shannon introduced the proposal. Passed unanimously.

    c. Proposal 26-25: "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. Proposal 27-25: "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. Proposal 28-25: "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.   5

Public Comments   5
a. None
Adjournment
a. Adjourned at 12:58 pm.