

Minutes of Michigan Tech University Senate Meeting #721

12:30 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2025

ChemSci room 102

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30.

Senator Roll Was Called

Agenda

- A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. The vote was called and approval was unanimous.

Minutes

- A motion to approve the minutes from meeting #720 was made and seconded. The vote was called and approval was unanimous.

President's Report

President Hutchinson congratulated former Assistant to the Senate, Ashley Buchanan on a new position on campus. Buchanan will be helping transition to a new senate assistant when one is hired which should be within the week.

Hutchinson reviewed [introductory slides](#) that guide new senators on their responsibilities. Hutchinson reviewed the Michigan Tech Senate vision and the role of the senate as well as the defined "A-list" and "B-list" items, or those areas of the university that the senate influences. A-List items include curricular decisions, programs and degrees, the evaluation of teaching, personnel and hiring-related issues, among others. B-List items are those on which the senate is advisory such as human, physical, and fiscal resources. Hutchinson detailed information about the senate such as its integrated (faculty and staff) structure, lines of reporting, and the proposal introduction and review process.

Other information presented included distinguishing functions of the senate (taking action as well as receiving and providing feedback on senate activities to our constituencies). Three meeting items were described including reports, information items, and action items (proposals). Hutchinson reviewed the standard Robert's Rules of debate and how discussion is moderated.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Unfinished Business

Proposal 35-25: The [proposal](#) for the Senate's budget for 2025-2026 was introduced by the Senate's Finance and Institutional Planning Committee. The committee's introduction served as a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. Votes to approve were X number, zero nays, and zero abstentions.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. There was no discussion. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate Secretary 2025-2026.