

Minutes of Michigan Tech University Senate Meeting #726

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: ChemSci 102

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors

Roll was taken by Senate Vice President Patrice Cobin.

Approval of Agenda

- A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.
- Discussion: A question was raised regarding the inclusion of charter amendment proposals and the formation of new business items under the President's Report.
- It was clarified that charters belong to their respective faculty units, and the Senate does not vote to approve them. They are information items.
- Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting #725

- A motion to approve the minutes from Meeting #725 was made and seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Proposal 04-26: Amendment to the Charter of the College of Business

- By Senate bylaws and the college faculty charter, proposed charter amendments enter a 60-day review period during which the administration may approve or return them for revision. If no action is taken within that period, the changes take effect automatically.
- The amendment fully integrates instructional track faculty into the voting units of the College of Business. This change reflects ongoing efforts to expand instructional faculty participation in governance and job security.
- The proposal was shared for information only; no Senate action is required.

Proposal 07-26: Request from the College of Computing to Establish a Department of Data Science

- The Senate may review and provide feedback on this proposal. No action was taken at this meeting.

Committee Reports

- No committee reports were presented.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business**Proposal 05-26: Minor in Global Cultures**

- Presented by the Department of Humanities.
- This new minor will be part of the Essential Education curriculum and offers students a range of course options designed for broad accessibility. Comparable minors exist at other institutions. Existing faculty and space resources are sufficient to support the program.

Public Comments

- No public comments were offered.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.