

Minutes of Michigan Tech University Senate Meeting #727

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

Approval of Agenda

- A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting #726

- A motion to approve the minutes from Meeting #726 was made and seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report

The following updates were provided regarding upcoming presentations during the spring term.

- The Chief Financial Officer will present to the Senate on funding models.
- Jeff Toorongian will provide a presentation to the Senate on accessibility and documents. Work is underway to develop new, fully accessible procedures and templates for Senate business.
- Personnel announcements were shared, including recent departures from Senate service.
 - Paniz Hazaveh, who chaired the Academic and Instructional Policy Committee, has accepted a new position.
 - Jonathan Robins will convene the Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (AIPC).
 - Work is ongoing on Appendix L related to promotion criteria for instructional track faculty, including guidance for departments.
 - An at-large Senate position is vacant following the retirement of Jaroslaw Drelich; an appointment will be made to fill the position.

Committee Reports

- No committee reports were presented.

Unfinished Business

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

The proposal was reviewed as part of the Essential Education implementation process. The minor is scheduled to begin in Fall 2026 and is designed to foster global citizenship and prepare students for professional contexts requiring effective engagement across diverse and global environments. The curriculum is flexible and broadly accessible to students across majors. A motion to approve the proposal was made and seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

- None.

Public Comments

- No public comments.

Adjournment

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