

University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Minutes of Meeting #731

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: ChemSci Room 102

Senate President: Robert Hutchinson

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Senate President Robert Hutchinson.

Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors

- Roll call was conducted. Visitors were recognized.

Approval of Agenda

- A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting #730

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from Meeting #730. The motion carried.

President's Report

- Senate President Hutchinson emphasized the importance of collegiality and working together toward positive outcomes. He highlighted recent updates related to the B.S in Artificial Intelligence degree proposal introduced two weeks previous.

Committee Reports

- No committee reports were made.

Unfinished Business

a. Proposal 20-26: "Update to Michigan Tech's Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research, Scholarly and Creative Endeavors."

- This proposal, which includes a redlined version, had previously been tabled pending clarification of a question. The question has since been resolved and the relevant sentence has been clarified to the satisfaction of the body.

- A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Proposal 15-26: "Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence"

- Introduced by Senator Molzon on behalf of the Curricular Policy Committee. The proposal was reviewed and is supported by the Curriculum and Policy Committee (CPC); however, the edited version is not yet available. Discussion was held regarding tabling the proposal.
- The CPC reported that the edits are viewed positively and that engagement between the relevant departments has produced a stronger proposal. It was noted that the proposal still requires further improvement for inclusion in the Board of Trustees binder and for the final Board of Trustees meeting. Reference was made to the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU).
- A motion was made to table the proposal until the next Senate meeting. The motion carried.

Public Comments

- Discussion was initiated regarding class cancellation practices in the case that the university is closed due to inclement weather or other exigent circumstances. Because this was a business item rather than public comment, the chair moved discussion to the Senate Executive Committee.

Adjournment

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 pm. The motion carried.