

MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

University Senate — Minutes of Meeting 732

Date: 03.18.26
Called to order at 12:32
Location: Chem Sci 102
Presiding: Robert Hutchinson

Call to Order and Agenda

- Agenda approved.
- The minutes of Meeting 731 were tabled pending a correction regarding discussion of holding class during university weather closures.

President's Report

- Nominations to be distributed by the Senate Assistant following the meeting.

Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (AIPC)

- The committee reported on a completed review of academic unit charters regarding Instructor-Track Faculty (ITF) promotion guidelines. They noted several common issues including missing promotion criteria, references to broken URLs, and outdated language.
- The committee's next step will be to solicit feedback via feedback form to units, with particular attention to gathering perspectives from instructional track faculty.

Ad Hoc Global Campus Working Group

- Fact-finding is ongoing. The group will report to the Senate at the end of the academic year.

Presentations:

- **Michigan Tech's Future Budget Model** (*Carlos Rodriguez, CFP*) The university is partnering with Huron Consulting to [redesign its budget model](#), moving away from a historical allocation approach toward one that aligns funding with institutional priorities. Town Halls will begin early next month. Senate has representation on the Steering Committee.
- **Presentation: Campus Wide Risk Management Initiative** (*John Velat*) Several recent campus safety incidents were documented. The initiative aims to build a campus culture of deliberate risk mitigation — not risk elimination — including improved access to training resources for students in off-campus activities. A handout was distributed.

Unfinished Business —

- **Proposal 15-26: Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence** Approved unanimously.

New Business —

- **Proposal 21-26: Shelve the Social Psychology Concentration** Introduced. No vote taken.
- **Proposal 22-26: Policy on Concentrations in Degree Programs** Introduced. Key provision: concentration credits may not exceed half of the minimum core credit requirements for the associated degree. No vote taken.

Public Comments

- Following up on the earlier Risk Management presentation, a senator reported a recent safety and risk incident being locked inside a classroom. A goal was identified to clarify and improve access to facilities maintenance reporting.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate Secretary