

The Senate of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 1-65

FACULTY ATTENDANCE AT PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The committee recommends that the following policy be recommended by the Senate for adoption by the University.

1. Attendance at professional society meetings is encouraged. Absence with full pay to attend such meetings will be granted unless, in the judgment of the Department Head, the absence would unduly interfere with the academic or research programs of the department.
2. Each faculty member with the rank of assistant professor or higher shall be allowed expenses for at least transportation, registration, and one scheduled banquet or luncheon for at least one professional society meeting per year. Each faculty member who is a scheduled participant shall be allowed expenses for transportation, registration, meals, and lodging. Provisions for financing travel of others, for example: instructors, research associates, etc. may be arranged at the discretion of the department.
3. Funds for faculty professional development travel should be separated in departmental CSS&M budgets from any other travel funds (i.e. funds for field trips, travel for recruiting staff, etc.)
4. Where distance and number attending justify group arrangements for transportation, faculty members should be expected to take advantage of pool transportation made available by the University except where extenuating circumstances justify separate travel.
5. Meetings of educational societies such as ASEE should be considered on the same basis as other professional society meetings.
6. Until sufficient funds are available to put these policies completely into effect, first priority should be granted to participants, after which department heads shall be required to decide which meetings for which staff members represent the best use of available funds.

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