

The Senate of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 8-83

DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNANCE

Any department proposing a change in its form of departmental governance shall present a detailed plan (constitution) to its Dean. Every reasonable effort shall be made to reach agreement on the goal, implementation and timetable. In event of the failure to resolve differences, an appeal may be made to the Senate. The Senate President shall, in consultation with the University President, establish a committee of three whose members are not affiliated with the respective department or college (if possible). The committee shall be chaired by a Senator and include one faculty member from a department with a chair and one member from a department with a head.

After its investigation, the committee shall make a final report to the Senate and the appropriate administrative officials. This report should include an evaluation of the preparedness of the department for the change in departmental governance. If the committee decides that the department is not adequately prepared for the change in governance, they may recommend methods to alter the situation. If the committee finds that the department is prepared, the administration shall allow the change.

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