

Presidential Advisory Committee of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 7-05

(Voting Units: Academic Units)

THE ROLE OF NON-ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES AT MICHIGAN TECH – REVISIONS TO PROPOSAL 8-04

Background

In November 2003, the University Senate adopted Proposal 8-04, which asked that principle number 6 of the 2000 Strategic Plan be revised to read:

"Engineering, science, and technology remain the focus of our university. We recognize, however, that the School of Business and Economics and departments such as Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Education, and Physical Education not only provide valuable complements to an education in engineering, science, and technology, but also make valuable contributions to the university with their own degree programs. These programs can play a vital role in the long-term viability of Michigan Tech."

The Administration returned Proposal 8-04 to the Senate on September 30, 2004 and indicated that the University's Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) recommended the following text substitute for that in 08-04.

"Engineering, science and technology, and the business of technology, will remain the focus of our University. We recognize, however, that other disciplines and degree programs play a vital role in the long-term viability of the University. They are essential to prepare students for life in a world where science, technology, humanistic and social issues are inextricably linked."

President Mroz indicated that he would likely support a Senate proposal incorporating this text and would recommend it to the Board of Control for its approval.

The Senate Executive Committee examined the SPWG text and suggested that it recognize that these "other disciplines and degree programs" have educational and research functions other than to "prepare students for ..."

Proposal

Revise principle number 6 in the 2000 Strategic Plan to the following:

"Engineering, science and technology, and the business of technology will remain the focus of our University. We also recognize that other disciplines and degree programs are necessary for the University's long-term viability and that they make significant contributions to the University's educational and research missions in a world where science, technology, humanistic and social issues are inextricably linked."

Approved by Presidential Advisory Committee: October 27, 2004

Approved by President Mroz: December 24, 2004