

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 16-06

(Voting Units: Entire Senate)

EMERGENCY SUBMISSIONS

Background:

Section J.9 of the Senate by-laws requires a secret ballot for consideration of any proposal that is submitted later than 10 days before a Senate meeting. This requirement usually results in wasted time for the Senate and is unnecessary since Section K.2 of the by-laws allows any Senator to require a secret ballot. (Section K.2 states, "A request for a secret ballot on the Senate floor shall take precedence over calls for a roll call vote or a voice vote and shall be automatically granted upon request.)

The Senate executive committee requested clarification of "classification of the proposal."

Proposal:

Section J.9 of the by-laws should be revised as follows where *italics* mark insertion.

9. Emergency Submission of a Proposal

- a. A proposal which does not meet the distribution requirements set forth above may be submitted from the floor of the Senate at any meeting of the Senate.
- b. A majority vote of the full Senate is required to approve taking up any such proposal.
- c. When the Senate approves taking up such a proposal, the classification of the proposal *for voting units* shall be made by the Senate President.

Introduced in the Senate: 1 February 2006

Adopted by the Senate: 15 February 2006