Proposal 1-19 (Amended in red and green 10-10-18)
(Voting Units: Full Senate)

“Proposal to Approve and Adopt the Senate Vision Statement”

Submitted by: Senate Executive Committee

Background/Rationale
During the 2017-18 Academic Year, the University Senate officers and committees participated in writing a
draft of a Vision Statement for the University Senate. Senate officers sought out and received feedback from
individuals and committees across the Senate over the 2017-18 Academic Year.

The Vision Statement was written to assure that the goals of the Senate are in alignment with the
University's Mission and Vision, and assures the Senate's active role in the University's shared governance
structure.

Proposal
It is proposed that:

1. The Senate approve and adopt the following Vision Statement to help guide current and future
   Senate work in our role in shared governance at Michigan Tech.
2. The Senate authorizes the Senate Executive Committee as responsible to periodically facilitate future
   revisions and updates to the Vision Statement such that it continues to reflect Senate goals and
   objectives and aligns with university Mission and Vision.

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