

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 15-20

(Voting Units: Academic)

Tams for Graduating PhDs at Commencement

**Submitted by:
Graduate Student Government**

In an effort to improve Commencement at Michigan Tech, the Commencement 2.0 Committee (C2C) was formed per Provost Huntoon's charge. This committee was convened in Feb'2019 and has met regularly to discuss the challenges and brainstorm solutions.

During the discussions, an idea was presented by the graduate student members on the committee to change the graduating caps from the square caps to 8-point tam (picture below) for graduating PhD students. The committee recommended that the Bookstore be consulted to obtain the price difference(if any) and then seek the approval of the graduate student body. The Bookstore informed us that the 8-point tams would cost an additional \$20. The information was presented at a regularly scheduled bi-weekly Graduate Student Government (GSG) general body meeting (held on Oct 22 2019). Subsequently, the GSG voted to approve this change (on Nov 19 2019).

Next, we reached out to the President's office for approving this change. The President's office directed us to bring this to be discussed at the Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) and the University Senate (US). An affirmative from everyone would enable its implementation from the Spring 2020 commencement.

We would like your input and feedback for this change. Questions/concerns can also be directed to Apurva Baruah (gsg-president@mtu.edu)



Upon receiving consensus from GFC & US, we'd inform the President's council of the same, such that this can be included in the commencement regalia from the upcoming Spring 2020 ceremony itself.