

**The University Senate of Michigan Technological
University**

Resolution 11-23

Assist Michigan Tech's Iranian Community

(Voting Units: All)

Submitted by: the Senate Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding

On September 23th, 2022 Mahsa Amini was taken into custody by Iran's morality police for "improper" veiling under stringent Iranian law. Days later, she passed away in the hospital after three days in a coma. Multiple eyewitnesses testify that Amini was beaten by the police while in custody. Though the Iranian government denies it, multiple international organizations, including the UN, have condemned the extrajudicial execution of Amini, and mass protests have sprouted up both in Iran and abroad[1].

The current protests are the most active in the long history of Iranians protesting the unjust laws of the regime, which have affected women and members of the LGBTQIA+ community more than other groups. Internet shutdowns by the regime have kept the true number of lives lost in the protests largely a secret, but the UN estimates that they are much higher than the official numbers[2].

Our Iranian Community spoke to us on October 26th, 2022 about the effects the government crackdowns have had on their mental health, as well as the effects on their community back home in Iran.

Therefore, be it...

Resolved, the University Senate of Michigan Technological University supports the right of all people, wherever they may be, to protest peacefully without undue force used against them.

Resolved, the University Senate of Michigan Technological University advocates for the universal principle that women deserve the same rights and freedoms as men, and stand in solidarity with the Iranian people in their fight for equality.

Resolved, the University Senate of Michigan Technological University stands with the people of Iran as they fight for freedom and equity in their country, at home and abroad.

Resolved, the University Senate of Michigan Technological University echoes the official statements released by the University Administration in support of Iranian students and employees at Michigan Tech and their families.

~~Resolved, the University Senate of Michigan Technological University requests that the administration release an official statement of support for the local Iranian Community and their loved ones abroad.~~

Resolved, the University Senate of Michigan Technological University asks Faculty colleagues and administrators to consider flexibility with deadlines related to coursework and other administrative requirements for the Iranian students and students in other crises ~~that Faculty colleagues and administrators to consider flexibility with deadlines related to coursework and other administrative requirements for the Iranian students and students in other crises.~~ **members of university community allow appropriate extensions for Iranian students as needed during this crisis.**