

University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Resolution 26-23

Emergency Resolution to Support the Development of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Degree Program at Michigan Tech

Submitted by Robert Hutchinson (Senate Secretary) and Paul Bergstrom (Chair of the Senate
Curricular Policy Committee).

WHEREAS Finlandia University has announced that it will not be registering students in the Fall
of 2023, and that it will cease operations after 126 years;

WHEREAS the nursing program at Finlandia University offers a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing
degree program which is an important part of the healthcare landscape in the Keweenaw and
Western Upper Peninsula;

WHEREAS students in the nursing program at Finlandia University are at various stages of
completing their degrees;

WHEREAS Michigan Tech has entered a Teach Out agreement to support other students at
Finlandia University in the completion of their degrees; and

WHEREAS Michigan Tech works to support the needs of the local community;

Therefore, be it...

RESOLVED, the University Senate of Michigan Technological University supports the principle of
developing a BS in Nursing degree program in a timely manner whereby it can be:

1. Accredited and approved by the relevant agencies and state boards.
2. Offered starting in Fall of 2023.
3. Become an ongoing part of the programmatic offerings at Michigan Tech.

RESOLVED, the University Senate will consider the proposal for a BS in Nursing, which is to be
submitted to the Senate Executive Committee at a time that allows for review by the Curricular
Policy Committee and Finance Committee, and allows for debate and approval by the full
University Senate as part of the business of in the 2022-23 academic year and recognizes this
may require a special meeting outside the published Senate Calendar (tentatively scheduled for
May 3).