

The University Senate of Michigan
Technological University
Proposal 33-25

Proposal to Update the Senate Bylaws

(Voting Units: All)

Submitted by: Senate Elections, Bylaws, and Constitution Committee

I. Introduction

This minor change to the Bylaws would allow instructional track faculty (ITF) to serve in a leadership role on the University Senate.

II. Rationale

Previously, the President and Secretary of the Senate have been tenured faculty members while the Vice President has been a staff member from a non-academic unit. This has left ITF with no opportunity to serve as a senate officer. With the additional job security granted to Associate Teaching Professors and higher ranking ITF with the approval of Proposal 6-24, the previously held rationale as to why the Secretary should be tenured is less concerning. This change will give ITF members with the minimum rank of Associate Teaching Professor an opportunity to serve as Secretary.

This proposal makes an additional change to clarify the Vice President role and bring it in line with the descriptions of the President and Secretary.

III. Proposal

Current language:

Section 2: Officers

2.1. Qualification of Officers

2.1.1. The President and Secretary shall have tenure.

2.1.2. The Vice President shall be from a unit other than an academic unit.

Proposed language:

Section 2: Officers

2.1. Qualification of Officers

2.1.1. The President ~~and Secretary~~ shall be a tenured faculty member.

2.1.2. The Vice President shall be ~~from a unit other than an academic unit~~ a staff Senate constituent.

2.1.3. ~~The Secretary~~ shall be a tenured faculty member or an instructional track faculty with the minimum rank of Associate Teaching Professor.