

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President  
Date: January 23, 2025  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #710  
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**Meeting #710** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 23, 2025 in ChemSci room 102.**

Senators are responsible for making their constituents aware of the agenda for this meeting. Senators who are unable to attend should arrange for their alternates to attend in their place.

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	
<b>Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors</b>	<b>5</b>
Quorum met	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>2</b>
Approved	
<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting <a href="#">709</a></b>	<b>5</b>
Approved	
<b>President's Report</b>	<b>5</b>
Some comments about his alma mater...	
Comments were made regarding the Observer Role in Canvas learning systems that was turned on by Instructure allowing students to enroll observers into their courses. Because Canvas is utilized in K-12 education, this feature has been used in that context. CTL has now turned this feature off for Michigan Tech's use. Faculty are able to remove any Observers from their course as appropriate and as needed. The administration will soon send out a memo to all units regarding this.	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>0</b>
a. None	
<b>New Business</b>	<b>10</b>
a. <a href="#">Proposal 5-25</a> : "Defining and Implementing Digital Badges: Revision to Proposal 11-24" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)	
CPC member Jeremy Shannon presented the revised proposal to the senate addressing Administration concerns from the 11-24 proposal submission. The senate discussed some clarifications regarding the use of digital badges within existing courses as it relates to specific training competency, and whether the proposal clearly enough presents that nuance.	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>5</b>
A question was asked regarding the overnight Ripley ski hill lighting.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	
Adjourned at 12:45pm.	