

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President  
Date: February 13, 2025  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #712  
Copies: President, Provost, Board of Trustees Secretary, Vice Presidents, Library, Staff Council Chair, *Tech Today*, Michigan Tech *Lode*

**Meeting #712** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, February 13, 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>
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<b>Call to Order</b>	
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<b>Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors</b>	<b>5</b>
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Quorum met.

<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>2</b>
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Approved.

<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting <a href="#">711</a></b>	<b>5</b>
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Approved.

<b>President's Report</b>	<b>5</b>
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The Research Intensive R1 Carnegie status formally approved and announced for Michigan Tech. as communicated to the university community through Tech. Today.

Requested a representative for Grad Faculty Council to participate in the University Senate. The Liaison Member role for GFC has been open for some time.

**Presentation:** [Essential Education Overview](#) from Marika Siegel

Dr. Siegel presented an Essential Education overview as the first of multiple presentations to the University Senate as the program is brought online for Fall 2025. Resources have been secured for development of the first year curriculum development from the State of Michigan. She presented on the structure of the effort and community outreach development that is a part of the program. The V3 Essential Education Course List has been released for AY2025-26. The current focus and effort is on training opportunities for faculty for Essential Ed. course delivery and planning, with the training delivered in two parts. Additional training is being developed for unit advisors.

<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b>10</b>
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No reporting.

<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>15</b>
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- a. [Proposal 8-25](#): “Establishment of a New Graduate Certificate in Remote Sensing for Natural Resources” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Stackable certificate presented by Jeremy Shannon. Approved unanimously.
- b. [Proposal 14-25](#): “Proposal to Amend the Senate Bylaws” Presented by: Ad-hoc Bylaws Committee (Voting Units: All)  
Laura Fiss presented the proposed amendment to the senate bylaws. Approved unanimously.

**New Business**

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- a. None

**Public Comments**

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None.

**Adjournment**

Adjourned at 12:50pm.