

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President  
Date: March 6, 2025  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #714  
Copies: President, Provost, Board of Trustees Secretary, Vice Presidents, Library, Staff Council Chair, *Tech Today*, Michigan Tech Lode

**Meeting #714** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 6, 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 unanimously.

<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting <a href="#">713</a></b>	<b>5</b>
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Approved unanimously.

<b>President's Report</b>	<b>5</b>
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No report, beyond introducing Dr. Steelman who is presenting on Essential Education.

<b>Presentation:</b> What is required in an <a href="#">Essential Education Minor</a> from Kelly Steelman Essential Education Minors are presented as additional credentialing. The development of the scope of various SHAPE minors under Essential Ed. was developed over the past year, leading to 17 initial interdisciplinary themed Essential Ed. Minors under the program which are being built out for rollout in AY2025-26. Engagement also includes the optional Essential Education Experience program in the minors. Breadth developed by including 6 credits outside of the hosting unit within the 18 credit scope. All other scope must satisfy university academic minor requirements. Dr. Steelman spent some time communicating the linkage to the “unrestricted category” which may enable linkage better with the student’s major requirement scope.	<b>10</b>
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The breadth of education is a part of the motivation behind Essential Education, so there are exclusionary scopes where the majors and minors are too closely aligned. The known exclusions have been posted.

A symposium is planned. April 30<sup>th</sup>. Send questions to essential-ed-l at mtu dot edu

<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b>10</b>
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No reports

<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>0</b>
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a. None

<b>New Business</b>	<b>25</b>
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- a. [Proposal 11-25](#): “Establishment of a History Concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Social Science” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Proposal 11-25 links to Proposal 12-25, as the migration of a BA in History degree to a concentration within the BS in Social Science.

- b. [Proposal 12-25](#): “Proposal for shelving Bachelor of Arts in History”  
Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Double majoring requires the same classification of degrees (e.g. BA with BA, and BS with BS). Links with Proposal 11-25.
- c. [Proposal 13-25](#): “Proposal to change the name of Minor in Historical Studies to Minor in Public History” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Reflects the applied nature of history dissemination to the public.
- d. [Proposal 15-25](#): “Establishment of a Bachelors of Science in Aerospace Engineering, Concentration: Engineering Enterprise” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Adds a concentration of Engineering Enterprise to the BAE degree. Allows for a more applied scope in the curriculum. May or may not need to be processed through MASU.
- e. [Proposal 17-25](#): “Revisions to Graduate Faculty Status Policy” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Replacing language that is not consistent with current faculty categories regarding graduate educational scope. Clarification of scope and terminology represents the primary changes.

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### **Public Comments**

Senate constituents were expecting news from the University Senate Executive Committee regarding the dissolution of a University Senate committee and the women’s faculty group. Encouragement of public and democratic process. A point was raised whether the senate should have been informed and voted on the dissolution of the committee. The response indicated that the interpretation by the University General Counsel required the change based on the University Senate bylaws.

Several senators have requested more information from General Counsel regarding these senate committee changes.

PhD 100 working group notice communicated regarding feedback requested of the senate constituency.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 1:12 pm.