

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President
Date: March 13, 2025
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #715
Copies: President, Provost, Board of Trustees Secretary, Vice Presidents, Library, Staff Council Chair, *Tech Today*, Michigan Tech Lode

Meeting #715 of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 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.

Agenda	Time
Call to Order	
Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors	5
Quorum met.	
Approval of Agenda	2
Approved unanimously.	
Approval of Minutes from Meeting 714	5
Approved unanimously.	
President's Report	5
Nothing to report today. Introduced the presentation today by Crysta McLeod	10
Presentation: What is the new Activity Course Structure with AJ Hamlin and Crystal McLeod Crystal McLeod presented on the Essential Education program content scope associated with wellbeing and success. Additional scope of courses related to art and creativity, expression of emotion, mental health, and student and career success. The scope of the content is posted on the Essential Education website. The Essential Ability that relates to the scope presented is the Welcome Challenge learning goal. There are new courses developed that fit under this scope.	
Committee Reports	10
Dr. Laura Fiss did report on Elections and Bylaws Committee notice for University Senate Officer nominations. Nominations will open March 17 th and close March 24 th . Election will begin April 4 th concluding April 17 th .	
Unfinished Business	30
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) Dr. Jeremy Shannon presented on all CPC related proposal introductions and motion to approve. Seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.	
b. Proposal 12-25 : “Proposal for shelving Bachelor of Arts in History” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) No discussion. Approved unanimously.	
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)	

Name change to reflect applied nature of the program. Motion to approve and seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

- d. [Proposal 15-25](#): “Establishment of a Bachelors of Science in Aerospace Engineering, Concentration: Engineering Enterprise” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
Content presented related to the enterprise option for project intensive pathway. Motion to approve and seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
- e. [Proposal 17-25](#): “Revisions to Graduate Faculty Status Policy” Presented by: Academic and Instructional Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
Dr. Paniz Hazaveh presented the modification of section 1.5.3 in the Faculty Handbook regarding the definition of graduate faculty to reflect current naming conventions related to MTU faculty roles. Motion to approve and seconded. Clarification discussion regarding what the scope of the changes that were made regarding definitions. Question was asked regarding whether researchers at the research institutions such as MTRI may serve as full members of the graduate faculty. This will allow them to serve as primary advisors for doctoral and masters students. Some concerns raised whether the status would be automatically granted or whether it represents as being eligible. Clarifications presented regarding nomination to graduate faculty status through an academic unit for graduate faculty status. Communication regarding how this has successfully worked in the past. A concern was raised regarding ITF faculty roles and whether this automatically enables ITF to teach graduate courses and mentor graduate students. Clarifying comments regarding how this would work was presented by the Provost in response. Approved unanimously.

New Business

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- a. [Proposal 20-25](#): “Minor in Creativity and Expression” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)
Dr. Shannon presented on a minor under the Essential Education program.

Public Comments

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None.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:01pm.