

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President
Date: March 20, 2025
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #716
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Meeting #716 of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 20, 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 715	5
Approved unanimously.	
President's Report	5
Nothing to report. Introduced the presentation speaker.	10
Presentation: Elements that make up an Essential Education Experience (E3) with Cassandra Reed-Vandam	
Discussed the immersive experiences, service learning, and student-driven experiences that make up a part of the E3 framework. She discussed what counts as an E3 course. The courses must include experiential learning, regular critical reflection, interdisciplinary approaches, best practices and ethics, and engagement with the ePortfolio platform, PebblePad. The platform will be rolled out in the 2026/27 academic year. Major-restricted capstone and enterprise courses, summer cooperative learning programs, and student volunteering within an organization (no course structure), and courses lacking hands-on engagement, are not part of this program. The E3 program is gradually rolling out with full engagement by AY27/28 with 1500 seats. AY 25/26 has a capacity for 500 seats at present. The leadership has engaged with community organization partners exploring how best to frame the engagement with these external organizations.	
Committee Reports	10
Dr. Laura Fiss reminds all senate constituents about the nomination form that has been posted for senate officer nominations, due within a week.	
Unfinished Business	5
a. Proposal 20-25 : “Minor in Creativity and Expression” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic) Dr. Shannon summarized the proposed minor. Passes unanimously.	
New Business	10
a. Proposal 10-25 : “Proposed Change to Senate Procedure 706.1.1 Section 8 on Timing of Sabbatical Applications” Presented by: Administrative Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)	

Dr. Morse summarized the proposed changes to policy regarding ITF sabbatical leave requests, requiring a longer lead time for ITF.

- b. [Proposal 16-25](#): “Bachelor of Science in Ecological Engineering” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)

Dr. Shannon summarized the establishment of a new BS in Ecological Engineering. The program is co-sponsored by several academic units. He acknowledged that ABET is now accrediting degree programs in this area.

Public Comments

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None presented.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 12:58pm.