

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

To: Senators, Alternates, and Liaisons  
From: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President  
Date: March 27, 2025  
Subject: Agenda for University Senate Meeting #717  
Copies: President, Provost, Board of Trustees Secretary, Vice Presidents, Library, Staff Council Chair, *Tech Today*, Michigan Tech Lode

**Meeting #717** of the University Senate of Michigan Technological University will convene at 12:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 27, 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. Academic quorum met.

<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>2</b>
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Unanimously approved.

<b>Approval of Minutes from Meeting <a href="#">716</a></b>	<b>5</b>
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Unanimously approved.

<b>President's Report</b>	<b>5</b>
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Dr. Hutchinson was not present. Vice President Short raised the point of nominated officer presentations.

**Presentation:** [Instructor Agency and Support in Essential Education](#) with Jean DeClerck Presented on the use of instructor-based assessment of Essential Education, communicating methods of Canvas rubrics and other methods utilizing available toolsets to become more efficient and effective in communicating successes in learning outcomes for these courses. The use of instructor-based assessment gives the programs more effective feedback and others with better integrated datasets. Some units have already pursued training related to these methodologies. She communicated the changes in university assessment expectations for documentation regarding assessment cycles and the toolsets to reduce the workload to streamline efforts in assessment. Canvas courses to support this process and the overall Essential Education assessment processes have been developed and are being developed for faculty training and to streamline the process moving forward.

<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b>10</b>
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Dr. L. Fiss announced the presentations from the nominated officers for meeting 718 early in the meeting.

<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>10</b>
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- 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. S. Morse presented for APC the revised timeline for ITF sabbatical applications. Unanimously approved.
- b. [Proposal 16-25](#): "Bachelor of Science in Ecological Engineering" Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Dr. Jeremy Shannon presented for CPC the jointly administered CFRES and CEGE. Unanimously approved.

## **New Business**

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- a. [Proposal 22-25](#): “Minor in Public Policy & Law” Presented by: Curricular Policy Committee (Voting Units: Academic)  
Dr. Jeremy Shannon (CPC) introduced the Essential Education Minor proposal for a Minor in Public Policy & Law. Some discussion commenced.

## **Public Comments**

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A question was raised regarding Senate-administered surveys and whether mechanisms could be put in place to organize output reporting regarding the compilation of comments of surveys, and the potential use of AI to compile such assessments.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 12:56pm.