

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University
Proposal 3-25

Syllabi Policy - Revision of Assessment Statement
(Voting Units: Academic Only)

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I. Introduction

This proposal pertains to the Senate Policy 312.1 (third to last bullet amended 3-13) so that the wording shared with students on syllabi better matches current practice. The proposed wording was a collaborative effort between the Assessment Manager, Associate Provost of Undergraduate Education, Assessment Council and General Education Council in Spring 2024.

II. Rationale

The required syllabus statement regarding assessment was added by proposal 3-13 in order “to comply with Michigan Tech University’s Institutional Review Board Policy”. In Spring 2024, Michigan Tech’s IRB office clarified that there is no current policy that requires the anonymization of student work for internal assessment purposes and the statement does not match current procedure.

III. Proposal

Replace the language in the third to last bullet.

From -

Student work products (exams, essays, projects, etc.) may be used for purposes of university, program, or course assessment. All work used for assessment purposes will not include any individual student identification.

To –

As part of the university's commitment to curricular quality, student work products may be used to evaluate how well Michigan Tech students are achieving programmatic learning outcomes. Findings are used to inform future course and curricular improvements to support student learning but are not used to evaluate specific students and individual instructors.