

Faculty Senate minutes

2/7/2025

Noon-1 p.m.

Mill 201

Senators in attendance: S. Risser, S. Rosenthal, D. Autenrieth, C. Young, L. Granger, L. Buckley, A. Traut, D. Galarus, J. Kirtley, M. Egloff, B. Pramanik, G. Southergill, C. Faight, S. Juskiewicz, R. Nagisetty

- I. The meeting was called to order and a motion was made to approve the prior meeting's minutes. That motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

**Action Items**

- II. CRC Recommendations were discussed. A motion was made to approve the following CRC recommendations. That motion was seconded and passed without discussion.
  - a. Geological Engineering
  - b. Mining Engineering
  - c. MPEM
  - d. M&ME
  - e. Math
  - f. Computer Science
  - g. Computer Science
  - h. Trades & Technical
- III. The proposed resolution related to the Center for Academic Innovation and instructional support (see 2/7/25 agenda) was discussed. A motion was made to adopt the proposed resolution. That motion was seconded and passed without discussion.
- IV. A motion was made to bring back to the floor the renaming of the Materials Science PhD program, which was postponed at a previous meeting. That motion was seconded and passed without discussion. A motion was made to accept the CRC proposal that the Materials Science PhD program be renamed to "Materials Science and Engineering". The proposal was discussed. A motion was made to accept the proposed name change. That motion was seconded and passed without additional discussion.

**Informational Items**

- V. A presentation of TRIO Student Support Services was provided. More information is available at: [https://institute.mtech.edu/trio\\_sss/](https://institute.mtech.edu/trio_sss/)

**Discussion Items**

- VI. A proposal to revise the Grade Appeal Policy was discussed. A motion was made to discuss this proposal at the next Faculty Senate meeting as an Action Item, following an opportunity for Senators to bring it back to their departments. An amendment was offered to include in the revised policy the word "Provost" where it says VCAA. That amendment was accepted. The motion was seconded and passed after some discussion. A motion was made to request that the FS Chair clarify the process for getting this policy changed. That motion was seconded and passed without further discussion.
- VII. For the Good of the Order – two new items were raised:

– A motion was made to establish a committee to discuss the use of AI in the classroom/research. This committee will meet monthly. An amendment was made to include training on AI as a component of these meetings. That amendment was accepted. The motion was seconded and passed without further discussion.

-A motion was made to form a task force to evaluate the impact of cyber security on faculty and student productivity and efficiency. That motion was seconded. That motion passed without further discussion.

No other items were brought forward.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm