Office Memo

Date: May 20, 2014

To: Brian Barkdoll, President
University Senate

From: Dale R. Tahtinen
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and Secretary to the Board of Control

Subject: Response to Senate Proposal 13-14

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Below is the action that the Board of Control took in response to Senate Proposal 13-14 at their May 2, 2014 meeting.

It was moved by T. Baldini, supported by J. Fream, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that instead of Senate Proposal 13-14, the Board of Control endorses the following Principles of Communication.

Principles of Communication

The Board of Control, the University Administration, and the University Senate of Michigan Technological University all work for the well-being of the university from different perspectives. To ensure good communication in the spirit of shared governance, the Board of Control will employ the following guiding principles:

When the Board of Control contemplates changes in policy that also affect Senate policy, in the interest of shared governance, when possible those changes will be brought to the Senate, through established channels, for their input before action is taken.

When possible and prudent, the Board of Control will send to the Senate, through the Administration, a list of changes made to Board of Control policies so that the Senate might implement these changes in a timely fashion.

In addition, the Board of Control amended policies 6.7. Sabbatical Leave, 8.9. Experience Tech Fee, and 13.1. Curriculum Changes. These policies have been updated on the Board of Control website.