

Summary of 2021 Senate Actions on Engineering Proposal:

- Financial Implications Form for Engineering was approved 32-0, with 14 abstentions on March 3, 2021.*
- The curricular model for Engineering was approved 37-0, with 9 abstentions on March 3, 2021.*
- The motion to create a College of Engineering failed by a vote of 22-18, with 11 abstentions on March 24, 2021.
- The motion to approve the building and site plan and overall capital plan failed by a vote of 22-17, with 12 abstentions on March 24, 2021.
- President Dietz invoked the Memorandum of Understanding and sent a written response on April 19, 2021.

Record of Academic Senate Review of Engineering Proposal in 2021

Wednesday, January 20, 2021: General discussion of Engineering Programs proposal (Provost Tarhule/President Dietz)

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 : General discussion of Engineering Programs proposal (Provost Tarhule/President Dietz) – Discussion of development of the curriculum plus proposal for an organizational change.

Wednesday, February 17, 2021: Engineering Programs Proposal (Provost Tarhule/President Dietz)-Discussion of major capital project planning, or facilities planning, and the overall budget and funding of the programs.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Information/Action Items: Approval of the self-financed financial model presented on February 17

Financial Engineering Presentation to Senate 2-17-21 (President Dietz and Vice President for Finance and Planning Dan Stephens)

Approval of the curricular model presented on February 3 (with allowance for flexibilities that may need to be incorporated during the Year Zero curriculum development and approvals stage)

Curriculum Engineering Academic Senate Presentation 2-3-2021 (President Dietz and Provost Tarhule)

Motion by Senator Mainieri, seconded by Senator Nikolaou, to move the financial implication from Information to Action. The motion was approved, with abstentions from Senator Mangruem and Senator Theobald.

The Engineering financial implication was approved 13-0, with 14 abstentions.

Motion by Senator Cline, seconded by Senator Nikolaou, to move the curricular model from Information to Action. The motion was approved 40-0, with 5 abstentions.

Motion by Senator Cline, seconded by Senator Blum, to approve the Engineering curricular model. **The motion was 36-0, with 9 abstentions.**

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Information/ Action Items:

Approval of the creation of a College of Engineering XX.XX.XX.XX Proposal to create a College of Engineering (Provost Tarhule)

03.16.21.01 Engineering Organizational Structure Academic Senate Presentation 2-3-2021

Approval of the space needs, building, and site plans presented on February 17 (with allowance for changes recommended by Cabinet and/or to conform the proposal to the Campus Master Plan)

03.16.21.02 Space needs and Financial Engineering Presentation to Senate 2-17-21

03.19.21.01 Unanswered Engineering Program Questions

Motion by Senator Marx, seconded by Senator Rottinghaus, to move the proposal to create a new College of Engineering from information to action. The motion was approved unanimously with one abstention.

Senate Chair Kalter: All right. So, two things before we move to that first magic of the evening. Just remember that an abstention does not change the number of votes to approve a motion. For example, in a 30-person body, if 10 persons abstain, the number of votes needed to pass something still remains at 16. It doesn't go down to 11.

The motion to create a College of Engineering failed by a vote of 22-18 with 11 abstentions.

Motion by Senator Marx, seconded by Senator Jones, to move the proposed building and site plan and overall capital plan from information to action.

The motion was approved by a vote of 51-0 with no abstentions.

The motion to approve the building and site plan and overall capital plan failed by a vote of 22-17 with 12 abstentions.

President Dietz invoked the Memorandum of Understanding in a letter to Chair Kalter and the Academic Senate dated April 19, 2021. Letter was discussed during subsequent meetings on April 21, 2021, and May 5, 2021.

Additional Material

[Minutes of 1.20.2021](#)

[Minutes of 02.03.2021](#)

[Minutes of 02.17.2021](#)

[Minutes of 03.03.2021 - Voting totals 03.03.2021](#)

[Minutes of 03.24.2021 - Voting totals 03.24.2021](#)

[Minutes of 04.21.2021](#)

[Minutes of May 5, 2021](#)

*The vote totals for March 3, 2021 match the votes recorded in the meeting and verified on the meeting recording.

Excerpt of Academic Senate Bylaws, Article V, as of 03.24.2021

ARTICLE V. PROCEDURES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Sect. 1 E. Adoption Stage

Senate members shall vote on an item in the Action Stage. It is deemed approved if it receives a majority of votes of the voting members present (unless a greater portion is required) and in accordance with Section 4.D.

Section 4.D. Quorum

A majority (one more than half) of the membership of the Academic Senate shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be acted on or approved unless a quorum is present.

[WGLT article on March 24, 2021 meeting](#)

[Vidette article on March 24, 2021 meeting](#)