

**The University of Michigan
University Senate
Motion #110325-1**

Motion to Make the Collegiate Travel Partners (CTP) Travel Service Optional

Whereas the mandate that University of Michigan faculty, staff, and students use Collegiate Travel Partners (CTP) to book air travel has proven inefficient, costly in terms of lost productivity, and often results in higher fares than personally booked itineraries;

Whereas faculty whose research funds are limited are highly motivated to find the lowest fares available and do not require a service to identify low fares;

Whereas faculty who book their own travel are offering a free service, while the additional 2% fee will decrease funds available for other travel expenditures, research and instruction;

Whereas any purported realized cost savings at the University level must be weighed against the increased faculty burden in terms of time and inconvenience, and the increased travel costs charged to faculty grants, contracts, and discretionary accounts;

Whereas the inability to book a ticket on Basic Economy further depletes available funds while not leading to refundable fares;

Whereas CTP offers no place to include a faculty member's green card or visa during booking, preventing online check-in and adding an additional burden to international faculty's check-in process;

Whereas if faculty cannot book directly through airline websites (and Delta in particular), they lose the ability to have a family member travel with them using a companion voucher;

Whereas CTP does not adequately support faculty who experience travel-related problems such as missed connecting flights;

Whereas restoring the practice of faculty self-booking would improve efficiency, save time that should be dedicated to research, teaching, and governance;

Be it resolved that the use of CTP (or other UM-affiliated travel agents) to book all travel, and air travel in particular, be made optional and that members of the UM community be allowed to book their own travel arrangements and air tickets directly, followed by reimbursement from approved UM accounts;

And be it further resolved that future service agreements affecting faculty research be discussed publicly and widely, through town halls and discussions with school faculty councils before making decisions.

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Approved by the University Senate on November 6, 2025

Results: Yes, 3350 (96.7%); No 116 (3.3%); Abstain 172- Motion PASSED

Link to event page: <https://facultysenate.umich.edu/faculty-senate-meeting/>

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