

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

October 22, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: The Steering Committee for Academic Governance

From: Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D.
President

Subject: UCC Bylaw Amendment

I am writing to respond to the University Council's action on the proposed changes to the University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) bylaws at the September 22, 2026 meeting.



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I concur with the changes made outside the portion related to the undergraduate composition on the Committee. Since that vote was separated out and passed by the University Council, I will forward those revisions to the Board of Trustees for consideration at their December 11, 2026 meeting.

I do not concur with the proposed change that was passed regarding the elimination of two undergraduate seats on the Committee. I understand concerns about difficulty filling those positions at times, but I do not agree with eliminating student positions on an important committee like the UCC. I am committed to working with ASMSU, the Provost Office and the Office of Academic Governance to help fill student seats on this important Committee, but I cannot support decreasing the number of student representatives on that Committee. Pursuant to Academic Governance Bylaw 8.3.2.2, I am providing this as my written objection and recommendation to the Steering Committee to submit to the University Council for reconsideration.

cc: Laura Lee McIntyre, Ashley Green, Mike Zeig, Kara Yermak