


MICHIGAN STATE
U N I V E R S I T Y

September 1, 2011

Attachment 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: MSU Board of Trustees

FROM: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost 

RE: Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees Policy Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees modify the policy for the appointment of Student Liaisons to the Board of Trustees, to reduce the number of student representatives from the Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) to one, and to add an additional member selected at-large.

BACKGROUND

Since 1971 there has been provision for students to serve as advisers or liaisons to the Board of Trustees. The initial proposal adopted by the Board of Trustees allowed for four representatives, three undergraduate students and one graduate student, who, contingent upon maintaining their status as full-time students in good standing, would serve as Student Advisers to the MSU Board of Trustees. In 1985 the configuration was modified slightly, designating specifically that students who serve as liaisons to the Board of Trustees be: the chairperson (or his/her designee) from each of the two assemblies of ASMSU, the Academic Assembly and Student Assembly; the President of the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) or his/her designee, and one at-large appointment by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

The 2011 change in the structure of ASMSU from two assemblies to a unicameral body has reduced the number of chairpersons from ASMSU from two to one. This provides the rationale for the contraction of representation directly from ASMSU leadership.

The original intention of the student advisers was to “discuss potential problems, current issues and future directions” (Board of Trustee minutes, April 16, 1971). Given that purpose, it is desirable to broaden the student perspective by including an additional student selected at-large.

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Current Language with Proposed Amendments

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—STUDENT LIAISON

01-01-07

The following persons shall serve as student liaison representatives to the Board of Trustees:

1. Chairperson or his/her designate of the ~~Student Board of the~~ Associated Students of Michigan State University.
- ~~2.1. Chairperson or his/her designate of the elected Student Council.~~
- ~~3.2. President or his/her designate of the Council of Graduate Students.~~
- 4.3. ~~This student will be an~~ Two representatives appointed from the student body at-large ~~appointment~~ by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, with the advice of the University Committee on Student Affairs.

These representatives will participate with the Board in its regular meetings.

Enacted: 4/16/71

Amended: 6/7/85

Proposed Language

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