

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

Attachment 1

June 6, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees Policy Committee

FROM: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost *KAW*

SUBJECT: Revisions to Bylaws for Academic Governance

RECOMMENDATION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees approval of the recommended revised Bylaws for Academic Governance (attached), as approved by University Council.

In accordance with those Bylaws (8.3.2.1), I have reviewed the changes, concur with the proposed revisions, and now request action by the Board of Trustees.



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BACKGROUND

On **April 24, 2012**, University Council approved the recommended revisions to the Bylaws for Academic Governance (Attachment A), upon the recommendation of the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG). Members of UCAG noted inconsistencies in some long-time practices in nomination processes, and the language of the By-Laws.

Bylaw 4.3.2 addresses the ways in which representatives are nominated from colleges to standing committees of academic governance. Colleges elect their representatives to standing committees, but these have not been formally acted upon by the University Council. The proposed changes reflect that procedure.

The recommended changes for By-Law 3.4.1.2.2.1 broadens the opportunities for nominations to The Steering Committee by soliciting nominations from all faculty, rather than the list of nominees being generated from the Faculty Senate. The practice has been to solicit nominations from faculty, so again, this change will bring congruence to the practice and the By-Law.

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2) Current Bylaw 4.3.2:

4.3.2. The University Committee on Academic Governance shall nominate to the University Council individuals who may be appointed to University-level Standing Committees, The Steering Committee, Advisory-Consultative Committees, and other committees as may be requested by the University Council.

Proposed Amendment:

4.3.2. The University Committee on Academic Governance shall nominate to the University Council individuals who may be appointed to University-level Standing Committees, to The Steering Committee, Advisory-Consultative Committees, and other committees as may be requested by the University Council.

3) Current Bylaw under 3.4 The Steering Committee:

3.4.1.2.2.1. A nomination slate will be developed by Faculty Senate. The University Committee on Academic Governance will solicit recommendations from all faculty.

Proposed Amendment:

3.4.1.2.2.1. The University Committee on Academic Governance will solicit recommendations from all faculty. A nomination slate will be developed for Faculty Senate to endorse and send to Academic Congress for election.