

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
February 17, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Proposed Regents' Bylaws Revisions
Action Requested: Revisions to Regents' Bylaws 7.01-7.05 (Student Affairs), 11.31 (College of LS&A Laboratories and Museum Collections), and 11.54-11.56 and 11.61-11.64 (Recreational Sports)

Background

With the concurrence of the Regents' Personnel, Compensation and Governance Committee, the Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University is proposing revisions to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents to bring them into conformance with current practice.

1) **Section 11.31. The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts: Laboratories and Museum Collections**

On the advice of an external review committee and with the approval of the College of LSA Executive Committee, a change is being proposed in the reporting lines of the Museum of Zoology and the Herbarium which requires a change in Bylaw 11.31. The proposed bylaw revision also updates the official name of the Kelsey Museum.

2) **Chapter VII: Student Affairs (Consisting of Sec. 7.01, 7.03, 7.04, 7.05)**

It is proposed that the entire chapter be deleted. The entities described in Sections 7.01 and 7.05 no longer exist. Sections 7.03 and 7.04 can be eliminated because the roles and responsibilities of the vice president for student affairs are already described in Chapter II of the bylaws.

3) **Chapter XI: Recreational Sports (Sec. 11.54, 11.55, 11.56, 11.61, 11.62, 11.63, 11.64)**

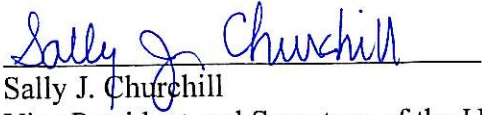
In April 2009, the Recreational Sports Task Force, commissioned jointly by the Office of the Provost and the Division of Student Affairs, recommended an overhaul of sports and recreational facilities to reflect the importance of recreational sports and fitness activities among the student population, and to make them align more closely with the University's emphasis on building a healthy community. Accordingly, in October 2009, it was announced that recreational sports programs, which have been traditionally housed in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, had moved to the Division of Student Affairs. The proposed bylaws changes reflect this change.

The proposed revised bylaws were posted in *The University Record* as described in the Regents' guidelines for bylaws revisions, and no comments were received.

Recommendation

We therefore recommend approval of revisions to Regents' Bylaws Sections 7.01-7.05, 11.31, 11.54-11.56, and 11.61-11.64, as outlined in the attached document.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally J. Churchill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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Attachment

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(Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~crossed out~~.)

Sec. 11.31: The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts: Laboratories and Museum Collections

All special laboratories and all working collections in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts will be under the immediate direction of the chair of the departments of which they are a part, except for the collections maintained by ~~each of the following units: the Museum of Anthropology, the Kelsey Museum of Ancient and Medieval Archaeology, the University Herbarium, and the Museum of Paleontology, the Museum of Zoology, and such other units as may from time to time be added by the board.~~ Each of these units will be in the charge of a director appointed by the board, on recommendation by the president and responsible to the dean and the executive committee.

Chapter VII: Student Affairs

Sec. 7.01. — The Committee on Communications

~~At any time the president of the University determines the need for a Committee on Communications for the purpose of providing visible channels of communication on any subject or for stimulating discussion of controversial subjects, or for the purpose of promoting discussions when disagreements arise among various segments of the University, the president may create such a committee, using the structure set out below, and may provide for such clerical assistance and facilities as seem appropriate. Should any segment of the University fail to select members in a reasonable time, the president may appoint such members.~~

Structure. ~~The committee shall be composed of:~~

- ~~a. Two students, appointed by the Senate Assembly from a list of four nominees submitted by Michigan Student Assembly (hereinafter sometimes referred to in these bylaws as MSA) and representing at least three different colleges;~~
- ~~b. Two faculty members, appointed by MSA from a list of four nominees submitted by Senate Assembly and representing at least three different colleges;~~
- ~~c. Two administrators, appointed by the student and faculty members of the committee from a list of at least four nominees submitted by the president of the University and representing at least three different colleges or administrative units; and~~
- ~~d. Vacancies shall in all cases be filled in the manner prescribed above.~~

Sec. 7.03. — Office of Student Affairs (revised April 1992)

~~The Office of Student Affairs (hereinafter referred to as OSA) shall provide programs relating to housing, counseling, student organizations, health, occupational information, religious affairs, student community relations, the International Center, and such other programs as may from time to time be delegated to it.~~

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Sec. 7.04. ~~Vice President for Student Affairs~~ *(revised April 1992)*

~~The vice president for student affairs shall be the chief administrative officer of the Office of Student Affairs, shall designate newly appointed heads of the various units of OSA with the advice of the Student Affairs Policy Board, and shall advise the Board of Regents, the president, the governing faculties, and other appropriate agencies concerning student affairs and student services in general.~~

Sec. 7.05. ~~Student Participation in Decision Making~~ *(revised April 1992)*

~~Student participation in University decision making is important to the quality of student life at the University, and shall be encouraged. The vice president for student affairs shall assist students in promoting the establishment of effective mechanisms for such student participation.~~

~~A Student Affairs Policy Board is hereby created. The board shall have nine members, composed of students and faculty, there being one more student than faculty, with the vice president for student affairs serving as chair without vote.~~

- ~~a. Student members shall be appointed by MSA, and no more than two shall come from any one school or college. Where school or college government exists, MSA shall consult them before appointing any student from that school or college.~~
- ~~b. Faculty members shall be appointed by the Senate Assembly, and not more than two members shall come from any one school or college.~~
- ~~c. The terms of office shall be staggered and shall be not less than one year nor more than three, and the procedures for selecting members shall, so long as they are consistent with (a) and (b) above, be determined by the appropriate appointing body.~~
- ~~d. In the event the appointing bodies fail to act within a reasonable time, the Student Affairs Policy Board shall be empowered to name replacements.~~

~~The director of each student affairs unit shall be the chief administrative officer of the director's unit and shall report to the vice president for student affairs. Policy boards may be established by the vice president and the Student Affairs Policy Board for each administrative unit of OSA, in which case the unit director shall serve as chair without vote of the policy board.~~

Sec. 11.54. ~~The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: General Purposes~~ *(revised July 2008)*

~~Responsibility for the development, maintenance, and administration of the University's programs in recreational sports and intercollegiate athletics on the Ann Arbor campus will rest in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The term "athletics" includes all programs of intercollegiate competition.~~

~~The department will, subject to the ultimate authority of the president and the Board of Regents, have responsibility for a comprehensive program of~~

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~~recreation and physical development for students, faculty and staff, and for the necessary staff, facilities, and equipment. The term "recreational sports" will include intramural sports, club sports, informal, drop-in and special interest recreational activities, to be offered as hereinafter provided. The term "athletics" will include all programs of intercollegiate competition. The department will promote wide participation by students in the activities of the department. Every effort will be made to coordinate the intercollegiate program with that in recreational sports.~~

The department will conduct its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures applicable to other university units.

Sec. 11.55. ~~The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Organization of Department (revised July 2008)~~

~~The agencies through which the department will exercise its functions are: (1) the director of athletics; (2) associate directors for intercollegiate athletics and director of recreational sports; (3) the Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics; and (4) the Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports.~~

Sec. 11.56. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: The Director (revised July 2008)

The executive functions of the department will be performed by a director of athletics. The director will be appointed by the Board of Regents upon recommendation by the president and will be responsible to the president. The director's salary will be determined by the president. The director will be responsible for the effective operation of the program in ~~recreational sports and~~ intercollegiate athletics.

The director will be responsible for the coaching, training, and well-being of athletes in the intercollegiate athletics program, for the scheduling of intercollegiate competition, and schedule-making and for all business matters included in the business administration incidental to all recognized and proper forms of the intercollegiate athletics program. The director will perform such other duties as may be directed by the president.

Sec. 11.61. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Funds (revised July 2008)

Separate accounting and financial statements will be made for department funds. Any surplus funds from intercollegiate operations will be devoted (1) to the further support of the various programs and activities carried on within the department, and (2) so far as possible, to permanent university improvements, particularly to the building and improvement of facilities, ~~for participation in all forms of physical exercise.~~

Sec. 11.62. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Facilities (revised July 2008)

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will establish policies on the use of athletic facilities and properties that are managed by the Athletic Department. Every effort will be made to coordinate the use of athletic facilities between the intercollegiate program and the recreational sports program, which is administered by the vice president for student affairs.

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Sec. 11.63. ~~The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports~~ *(revised July 2008)*

~~The Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports will be constituted as follows: (1) the director of recreational sports, ex officio; (2) four members of the University Senate, to be appointed by the president from a panel of senate members chosen by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. The appointed members will hold office for two years but in no event will any member of the senate serve more than two terms, except that if a member be appointed to fill an unexpired term of one year or less that member will also be eligible for two full terms. The terms of the members will be staggered so that two terms will expire each year. The panel from which the appointments are made each year will be unranked and contain twice the number of names as there are vacancies. If a vacancy in the appointive senate membership will occur from causes other than the completion of the appointive term, the president is authorized to make an interim appointment from the most recent panel of names submitted by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, or, if the president so requests, from a new panel of names submitted by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs; (3) a staff representative from the Office of Student Affairs selected by the vice president for student affairs; (4) four students of the university to be appointed by the president from a panel of students chosen by Michigan Student Assembly, subject to approval by the Board of Regents. The student members will serve two-year terms which will be staggered so that two students are appointed each year. In no event will any student member serve more than two terms consecutively, except that if a member be appointed to fill an unexpired term of one year or less, that member will also be eligible for two full terms. The panel from which the appointments are made will be unranked and will contain twice the number of names as there are vacancies. If a vacancy in the appointive student membership occurs from causes other than the completion of the appointive term, the president is authorized to make an interim appointment from the most recent panel of names submitted by Michigan Student Assembly, or, if the president so requests, from a new panel of names chosen by Michigan Student Assembly.~~

Sec. 11.64. ~~The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports: Organization and Functions~~ *(revised July 2008)*

~~The director of recreational sports will serve as chair of the committee. The committee will function as advisor to the director of recreational sports concerning the needs of the university with respect to the development and maintenance of the facilities for and programs in informal, drop in, special interest recreation, club sports, and intramural competition, and the policies applicable to such facilities and programs.~~