REGENTS COMMUNICATION ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT:

Regents' Bylaw Section 11.07

ACTION:

Revision to Regents' Bylaw Sec 11.07: The University of Michigan-Dearborn

College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee

Background

Regents' Bylaw Section 11.07 sets forth the makeup of the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee. Currently the committee exists of the dean and seven faculty members of senate rank. The members hold office for three years and the terms are adjusted so that at least two vacancies will occur each year. Members are not eligible for reappointment until after the lapse of one year.

Recommendation

The Humanities Department at the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL) recently voted to separate into two new departments: the Department of Language, Culture, and Communication and the Department of Literature, Philosophy and Art. The proposed revisions to Bylaw section 11.07 would add one additional faculty member to the CASL executive committee. The larger committee would include representation from both departments. The proposed bylaw revision was recommended by the faculty and is supported by the dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters and by the provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs. It has been posted in *The University Record* as described in the Regents' guidelines for bylaws revisions, and no comments were received.

We therefore recommend approval of the following changes to Regents' Bylaw section 11.07:

Proposed Revised Bylaw (Additions are underlined; deletions are crossed out)

Sec. 11.07. The University of Michigan-Dearborn: College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee

The executive committee will consist of the dean and seven eight faculty members of senate rank to be appointed by the Regents on recommendation by the chancellor and the president. The appointed members will not be eligible for reappointment until after the lapse of one year. The terms will be for three years and will be so adjusted that at least two vacancies will occur each year. The dean will chair the committee.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor

University of Michigan-Dearborn

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