

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

April 16, 2009

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Regents' Bylaws
Action Requested: Approval of non-substantive revisions to Regents' Bylaws in Chapters II, IV, VI, VIII, X, XI, XIII, and XIV, as described

A careful review of the Regents' bylaws has revealed that a number of bylaws are inconsistent with current practices and need to be revised. The proposed revisions update or delete references to practices, titles, or entities that either no longer exist or have changed since the last "housekeeping" amendments to the bylaws were adopted. The revisions also incorporate simplified and clearer language.

The proposed revisions to the bylaws have been reviewed by the Regents' Personnel, Compensation and Governance Committee and were posted in *The University Record* as described in the Regents' guidelines for bylaws revisions. Comments were received on the proposed revision to Bylaw 4.03, "Senate Assembly Composition," and this bylaw was subsequently posted again incorporating the suggestions made by those who had commented. No additional comments were received following the second posting.

I therefore recommend approval of the changes to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents as outlined in the attached document (*additions are underlined; deletions are crossed out*).

Respectfully submitted:


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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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Attachment

Proposed Bylaws Revisions

April 2009

Sec. 2.04. **The Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (*revised July 2008*)**

The provost and executive vice president for academic affairs will be the chief academic and budget officer for the Ann Arbor campus of the University of Michigan. In this capacity, the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs will exercise executive responsibility for the Ann Arbor campus educational programs and supporting activities.

The following positions will report directly to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs: the deans of the schools and colleges ~~and of the Division of Kinesiology~~ (the deans of the Medical School and the School of Nursing report to and are appointed jointly by the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and the executive vice president for medical affairs), the director of the Institute for Social Research, the university librarian and dean of libraries, the director of the Museum of Art, and other administrative offices as determined by the president.

The provost and executive vice president for academic affairs will be a member, without vote, of each of the governing faculties. The provost and executive vice president for academic affairs will recommend faculty appointments, promotions and tenure actions to the president for action by the Board of Regents.

Sec. 4.03. **Senate Assembly Composition (*revised September 1990*)**

There shall be a Senate Assembly which shall consist of ~~seventy-two~~ seventy-four senate members apportioned among the various schools and colleges according to the number of senate members in each school or college ~~and one member from the Division of Kinesiology~~. The assembly shall make a reapportionment every three years. The members of the assembly shall serve for terms of three years (or longer in accordance with Sec. 4.07) so adjusted that the terms of approximately one-third of the members shall expire each year. A member who has served one term will not immediately be eligible for re-election.

Sec. 6.05. **Divisions of the University (*revised January 1993*)**

A division of the University may be established by the president and the board on request from faculty members interested in a common substantive field which cuts across administrative lines, for the purpose of coordinating allied interests and activities. In the exercise of its functions, a division shall concern itself with the interrelations of programs of instruction, the encouragement of individual research, the promotion of cooperative investigations, and the performance of extramural services. The functioning agency of a division shall be a general committee representative of the constituent departments and constituted in such a manner as may be deemed appropriate in each division. The individuals

constituting the general committee shall be nominated by appropriate agencies of the schools, colleges, and departments.

A division is not an administrative unit. It shall cease to exist when the constituent members do not request appointment of members and officers for the ensuing year. It may be reactivated by a request to the president from former constituent members.

The chair of each division shall be appointed by the president on recommendation of the division members.

~~This section shall not apply to the Division of Kinesiology, which is an operative administrative and academic unit.~~

Sec. 8.01. ~~The Director of Admissions~~Admission of Undergraduate Students (revised November 1993)

Ann Arbor Campus

The associate vice provost and executive director of undergraduate admissions shall be responsible for the admission of students entering the undergraduate schools and colleges from high school and for such other admissions as may, from time to time, be assigned to the director's jurisdiction by the various faculties.

~~The associate vice provost and executive director of undergraduate admissions is appointed by the board on recommendation by the president, responsible and reports to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, shall be appointed by the board on recommendation by the president. The director of admissions shall be responsible for the admission of students entering the undergraduate schools and colleges from high school and for such other admissions as may, from time to time, be assigned to the director's jurisdiction by the various faculties. Admissions of undergraduate students to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the University of Michigan-Flint may be handled by the respective units, with such coordination as may from time to time be directed by the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.~~

University of Michigan-Dearborn

The director of admissions and orientation at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is responsible for the admission of students to its undergraduate programs. The director of admissions and orientation is appointed by and reports to the vice chancellor for enrollment management and student life.

University of Michigan-Flint

The director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Michigan-Flint is responsible for the admission of students to its undergraduate programs. The director of undergraduate admissions is appointed by and reports to the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Sec. 10.01. Policies Governing Student Fees (revised)

The Board of Regents shall determine the level of full program student fees and a schedule of such fees shall be published. All other student fees shall be fixed by the ~~Committee on Budget Administration~~University Committee on Fees.

Sec. 11.15. The School of Education: Courses for the Training of Teachers of KinesiologyPhysical Education

In cooperation with the ~~Division~~ School of Kinesiology, the School of Education will provide a curriculum for the training of physical education teachers.

Sec. 11.65. ~~Division~~ School of Kinesiology Executive Committee (*UpdatedRevised January 2005*)

~~The Division of Kinesiology will be maintained for the purpose of conducting research and offering curricula in movement science, sports management, athletic training, and physical education. It will be in the charge of a dean appointed by the board on recommendation by the president and responsible to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.~~

The executive committee will consist of the dean and four members of the governing faculty to be appointed by the board on recommendation by the president. The appointed faculty members will hold office for a two-year term. The appointed faculty members will be eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms, but will not be eligible for reappointment to any additional two-year terms until after the lapse of one year. The dean will chair the committee.

Sec. 13.08. Institute for Social Research (*revised November 1993*)

The Institute for Social Research shall be maintained for the purpose of research, service, and training in the social sciences and related disciplines.

The institute shall be under the direction of a director, appointed by the board on recommendation by the president, and responsible to the vice president for researchprovost and executive vice president for academic affairs. ~~The director will be, appointed by the board on recommendation by the president, assisted by an executive committee, consisting.~~ ~~The executive committee shall consist of the director, *ex officio*, chair; the dean of the graduate school, *ex officio*, or a representative designated by the dean; and at least six and not more than nine additional members of the University Senate representing fields related to the activities of the institute, to be appointed by the board on recommendation by the president. The appointed members shall hold office for three years each, the terms to be so adjusted that at least two vacancies shall occur each year.~~

The executive committee shall be responsible for the determination of general policies regarding the nature and scope of the activities of the institute, and in cooperation with the responsible officers of the teaching units, for the coordination of its activities with the research and training functions of such units. It shall also be responsible to the vice president for researchprovost and executive vice president for academic affairs for recommendations relating to the appointment of members of the staff and the budget, and for the approval of contracts for service to be rendered by the institute, provided that such contracts must also have the approval of the executive vice president and chief financial officer.

The activities of the institute shall be financially supported from the proceeds of contracts for services rendered to organizations, agencies, or institutions outside of the University; or from grants for research or training. The institute may be compensated for services rendered to the educational programs of teaching units and other agencies of the University.

Sec. 13.10. ~~The University Club~~

~~The University Club shall be maintained for the informal association of the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and alumnae of the various schools and colleges of the University. By providing a variety of opportunities for these groups to associate, the club shall serve to integrate the interests they have in common as members of the University community.~~

~~In order to facilitate its operations, the club is authorized to retain its form as a corporation under the laws of the state of Michigan, adapting its charter and bylaws to the purpose here stated and conforming to the general bylaws of the board. In accordance with its bylaws, the club shall be in the charge of a board of directors consisting of fifteen persons elected from its membership and approved by the Board of Regents. The board of the club shall elect a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer from among its members. The board shall be responsible for the management of the club and the maintenance and control of its property and shall undertake, through revenue from dues and other sources, to meet its expenses.~~

~~Standards of eligibility for membership in the University Club shall be set forth in the club's bylaws.~~

Sec. 14.06. Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action (revised-September-2007)

The University of Michigan is committed to a policy of ~~nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons regardless and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or Vietnam-era veteran status.~~

The University also is committed to compliance with all applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action.