

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

November 11, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Tyler Silvestri, J.D.
Secretary for Academic Governance
SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Committee on Administrator Review

At its April 21, 2020 meeting, University Council voted to establish the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrator Review, charge “to consider questions of the appropriate scope of faculty and students reviewing administrators.”

Per Section 5.4.2. of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, it is the Steering Committee’s responsibility to “recommend to the University Council the composition . . . of ad hoc committees.” On November 3, 2020, the Steering Committee recommended this composition:

1. Two undergraduate students appointed by ASMSU
2. One graduate student appointed by COGS
3. Three faculty members appointed by Faculty Senate
4. Associate provost for Academic Human Resources Suzanne Lang
5. Chief of Staff Michael Zeig
6. One appointee of President Stanley’s choosing
7. One dean from the Council of Deans
8. Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler Silvestri (non-voting)
9. Secretary of the Board of Trustees Nakia Barr (non-voting)

University Council has not approved of this composition, though it will be addressed at its November 24, 2020 meeting. Nonetheless, the Steering Committee decided to give Faculty Senate the chance to tentatively elect its representatives now—contingent on University Council’s approval of that portion of the composition—as doing otherwise would mean waiting until at least January 2021.

This committee is closely related to the proposed University-Level Standing Committee Administrator Review, two versions of which have been approved by University Council. The ad hoc committee’s work is meant to be informed by that proposal, but it need not mirror it. The goal is for faculty, administrators, and students to



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work together to increase increase accountability and stakeholder participation.

Prior to the November 17, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting, please consider whether you or a faculty member you know would be interested in serving on this committee. Please submit nominations of interested faculty members (including self-nominations) to acadgov@msu.edu by Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. If a nominee is not a Faculty Senator, it may be prudent for them to attend the Faculty Senate meeting where you will elect **three** representatives.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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