

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The University Committee on Academic Governance
FROM: Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance
SUBJECT: *Bylaws Interpretation re: Faculty Senate Election Process*

Per section 4.3.4. of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, the University Committee on Academic Governance has the authority "to interpret these *Bylaws* subject to review by University Council." I have received a request for UCAG's interpretation from Professor Pete White of Lyman Briggs College.

Relevant Bylaws (Emphasis Added)

1.1.2.1. The voting faculty in the election of University-level councils and committees shall be all regular faculty, health professions faculty, and FRIB/NSCL faculty. Voting faculty also includes full-time fixed-term faculty who have served at least three consecutive years and **full-time academic specialists who have served at least three consecutive years**. Voting faculty must be engaged in academic activities of the university.

1.1.2.5. A full-time fixed-term faculty member who has served at least three consecutive years and **a full-time specialist who has served at least three consecutive years may be elected to an academic governance body**, with the exception of the University Committee on Faculty Tenure, as a representative of any unit in which the person holds faculty status.

4.2.1.10. Where faculty members of a Standing Committee are elected in college elections, nominating procedures shall be specified in college bylaws. Colleges may, in their bylaws, authorize the election to any Standing Committee, except the University Committee on Faculty Tenure, of full-time fixed-term faculty who have served at least three consecutive years, **or of specialists in the continuing appointment system**.

Question Presented

Do academic specialists in the continuing system have a 3-years-of-service requirement to be on university-level standing committees (as indicated in 1.1.2.5.), or do they not (as indicated in 4.2.1.10.)?



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