

MICHIGAN STATE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Teresa K. Woodruff, PhD.
Interim President

FROM: Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance

SUBJECT: Amendment of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*
re: Faculty Voting Rights

On behalf of the Steering Committee, and pursuant to [Section 8.3 et seq.](#) of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, I am writing to request that you review the attached proposal to amend the *Bylaws* and forward it to the Board of Trustees for final action if you concur.

The University Committee on Academic Governance endorsed the amendments on January 19, 2023. The University Council endorsed the amendments on March 28, 2023.

The purpose of the proposed revision is to expand the voting rights of faculty and academic staff. This amendment removes the requirement that full-time fixed-term and faculty and academic specialists serve “three consecutive years” before being granted voting rights in 1.1.2.1.

The proposed amendment to 1.1.2.5. removes the same restriction for academic staff and fixed-term faculty, and allows them to be elected to and academic governance body. These amendments were initiated by UCAG after a faculty member requested a change in the *Bylaws* so that, “all faculty and academic staff be afforded the right to vote in their units, colleges, and in governance matters, regardless of their HR classification.”

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.



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