

## Amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance

April 22, 2025, University Council Meeting

### Summary of Changes:

Clarifies roles in the selection of chairpersons and directors and aligns the Bylaws with longstanding practices.

Ensures parity in faculty representation on the Faculty Senate and other university-level governance bodies between faculty with primary appointments in colleges and those with primary appointments in non-college academic units and consistent university-level voting rights for faculty as provided through Bylaw provision 1.1.2.1.

Updates administrator title, division name, and standing committee name to reflect the restructuring of the Division of Student Life and Engagement into the Division of Student Affairs.

### Proposed Amendments:

2.1.3.1. The voting faculty of each department or school shall have shared responsibility with the relevant dean to determine procedures for the nomination of chairpersons and directors to be selected by the dean and approved by the Provost.

3.2.4.8.1. These administrative positions are the Provost, the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student ~~Affairs~~Life and Engagement, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of International Studies and Programs, the Dean of the Libraries, and the Dean of the Honors College.

3.2.5.1. University-level Standing Committees that deal predominantly with issues other than the curriculum and faculty life (e.g., tenure and promotion, salary, benefits) report to University Council. Such committees include the University Committee on Student ~~Affairs~~Life and Engagement, the University Committee on Undergraduate Education, the University Committee on Graduate Studies, the University Committee on the Libraries, and the University Committee on Academic Governance.

3.2.7.1. ASMSU shall consider and act upon all recommendations to University Council regarding student academic rights and responsibilities and judicial procedures; upon any proposed amendment to or revision of Student Rights and Responsibilities at Michigan State University prior to its consideration by University Council; upon all matters brought before it by the President, the Provost, or the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student ~~Affairs~~Life and Engagement; and upon all matters on which its constitution requires such action.

3.2.8.1. COGS shall consider and act upon all recommendations to University Council regarding student academic rights and responsibilities and judicial procedures; upon any amendment to or revision of the SRR, and Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities prior to its consideration by University Council; upon all matters brought before it by the President, the Provost, or the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student ~~Affairs~~Life and Engagement; and upon all matters on which its constitution requires such action.

3.3.1.2.4. All ~~regular~~ faculty members of the university who are not represented through colleges (non-college faculty) or who are not otherwise named in the membership of the Faculty Senate shall have representation as specified for colleges in 3.3.1.2.1 and 3.3.1.2.3. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall supervise nomination procedures.

3.3.6.1. The University Committee on Student ~~AffairsLife and Engagement~~ will report to the University Council, provided that recommendations by UCSALE that affect professional rights and responsibilities of faculty must have been approved by the Faculty Senate before consideration by the University Council.

#### 4.1. Establishment of Standing Committees

There shall be the following University-level Standing Committees within academic governance:

University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG)

University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE)

University Committee on Curriculum (UCC)

University Committee on Faculty Affairs (UCFA)

University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT)

University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS)

University Committee on Student ~~AffairsLife and Engagement~~ (UCSALE)

University Committee on the Libraries (UCL)

4.2.1.2. Unless otherwise provided, no ~~college constituency~~ shall have more than one faculty representative on a Standing Committee.

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.~~

#### 4.9. University Committee on Student ~~AffairsLife and Engagement~~

4.9.1. The University Committee on Student ~~AffairsLife and Engagement~~ (UCSALE) shall have four faculty members selected by the Faculty Senate. UCSALE shall have twelve student members appointed as follows: six appointees from ASMSU, including the President of ASMSU; two appointees from COGS; and one appointee from the Residence Halls Association; one appointee from Fraternity and Sorority Life; one appointee from the University Apartments Council of Residents, and the At-large Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees, as appointed by the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student ~~AffairsLife and Engagement~~. UCSALE appointees are expected to reflect the diversity of their constituencies. The ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student ~~AffairsLife and Engagement~~, Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, the Assistant Vice President for Student Development and External Relations and

Dean of Students, the Assistant Vice President of Residence Education and Housing Services, the Assistant Vice President for Student Involvement and Leadership, and the University Ombudsperson shall be members with voice, but no vote.

4.9.3. The UCSALE shall advise the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Life and Engagement on all policies of the Division of Student Affairs Life and Engagement and on other University policies as they affect the academic achievement of students.

7.1. The administrator of an academic unit shall render necessary support, clerical and otherwise, to academic governance at the unit level. At the university level, this is the responsibility of the Provost and the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Life and Engagement.