By-Law Changes and Inconsistencies
September 14, 2015

I. The existing section 6.4 should be deleted and the current section 6.5 should be renumbered to 6.4

Section 6 – University Student-Faculty Judiciaries

6.3 UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE HEARING BOARD, UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC INTEGRITY HEARING BOARD, AND UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

6.3.1. The composition and jurisdiction of these boards are set forth in Student Rights and Responsibilities at Michigan State University.

6.3.2. The President shall appoint the faculty members to the pool for the University Academic Grievance Hearing Board, University Academic Integrity Hearing Board, and University Academic Appeals Board during the Spring Semester from a list of nominees supplied by the faculty members of UCAG. The number of nominees shall be twice the number of positions to be filled.

6.3.3. Depending on the need to stagger appointments, the term of office for faculty members can be one or two calendar years. Depending on the term of appointment members can serve up to three consecutive terms, not to exceed four consecutive years. Provisions shall be made to stagger appointment to assure continuity. Terms of office shall begin with the summer semester following appointment. In the event that colleges are late to nominate pool members, currently serving pool members will extend their service until a replacement is nominated.

6.3.4. No faculty members of the University Council or of any committee appointed or nominated by the University Council or the Faculty Senate shall be eligible to serve concurrently on the University Academic Grievance Hearing Board, University Academic Integrity Hearing Board, or University Academic Appeals Board.

The existing section 6.4 should be deleted and the current section 6.5 should be renumbered to 6.4

1.1.4. The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams/National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory (FRIB/NSCL) faculty shall consist of all faculty appointed in the FRIB/NSCL Faculty Appointment System holding the rank of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor.

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 who are engaged in the academic activities of the university.

1.1.2.2. The voting faculty in the election of department, school, or college councils and committees and in elections pertaining to department, school, or college policies and decisions shall include all regular faculty engaged in the academic activities of that unit and may, if so provided by unit bylaws, also include health professions faculty, FRIB/NSCL faculty, fixed-term faculty, honorary faculty, specialists, lecturers, research associates, assistant instructors, and/or adjunct faculty.
1.1.2.4. A regular faculty member, health professions faculty member, or FRIB/NSCL faculty member may be elected to an academic governance body as a representative of any unit in which that faculty member holds faculty status.

3.2.1.2. The Appointed Council shall be composed of all Deans, the Director of Libraries, the Director of the FRIB, the President, and the Provost.

II. The inconsistencies and questions that exist in the current By-Laws for Academic Governance 12-12-2013.

Section 1

1.1.1.1. The regular faculty shall consist of all persons appointed under the rules of tenure and holding the rank of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor, and all persons appointed as librarians. new lecturer category

1.1.1.2. The fixed-term faculty shall consist of all persons holding the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor, but not appointed under the rules of tenure. - new lecturer category

Section 2

2.2.5.1. Each College Advisory Committee shall select from among the college representatives to the University Council one person to serve as an ex officio member, without vote, of the College Advisory Committee.

Section 3

3.2.1.1 The University Council shall be composed of the members of Faculty Senate, selected pursuant to 3.3.1., the Appointed Council, all faculty serving as Chairpersons of College Advisory Committees (or their designees), the Chairperson of Athletic Council (or the Chairperson’s designee), members of the Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) selected pursuant to 3.2.4.1., members of the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) selected pursuant to 3.2.4.2., Chairpersons of University-level Standing Committees, The Steering Committee, the President, the Provost, and designated ex officio members.

3.2.4.1. ASMSU shall select a number of undergraduate student representatives to the University Council equal to one-third (1/3) of the total voting membership of the University Council. The number of representatives shall be rounded to the nearest integer. The overall selection shall ensure balanced collegiate representation.

3.2.4.2. Graduate Student Representatives: COGS shall select a number of graduate representatives to the University Council equal to three-fiftieths (3/50) of the total voting membership of the body. The number of representatives shall be rounded to the nearest integer. No more than one graduate representative may be from a single department, with consideration being given to University-wide representation insofar as possible.

3.3.1.2.1 Each college shall have at least two representatives, one of whom will be the Chairperson of the College Advisory Committee (or designee). Each college shall have one additional representative for every fifty voting faculty (1.1.2.1.), not to exceed five total representatives. Each college with three or more representatives shall have at least one non-tenured faculty member among its representatives.

3.3.1.5. The President, the Provost, one elected member from ASMSU, one elected member from COGS, and the Chairperson of the Athletic Council (or
the Chairperson’s designee) will serve as ex officio members of the Faculty Senate, with voice, but no vote.

3.5.3. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall be the parliamentarian with regard to the Bylaws for Academic Governance, and shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member of the University Council, the Faculty Senate, The Steering Committee, the Academic Congress and the General Assembly of ASMSU.

3.5.5. The Office of the Secretary for Academic Governance, along with other administrative offices, provides staff support to The Steering Committee, the University Council, the Faculty Senate, ASMSU, the Council of Graduate Students, and the University-level Standing Committees in the execution of responsibilities directly and indirectly expressed in these Bylaws. The Secretary of Academic Governance shall supervise elections to the University Council, ASMSU, the Council of Graduate Students, and of the at-large faculty of The Steering Committee, with review by the University Committee on Academic Governance

Section 4

4.2.2.2. The chairperson of each University-level Standing Committee shall prepare a report at the end of each semester, summarizing the activities and actions of the Committee during that semester, and its projected activities for the next semester. The end-of-the-semester summaries will be posted on the web site for Academic Governance. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall distribute these with the agenda or minutes for the University Council (3.2.6.), or the Faculty Senate (3.2.5.), as appropriate. At least once each academic year, each chairperson shall report at a meeting of the Faculty Senate (3.3.5.) or the University Council (3.2.6.), as appropriate. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall establish the schedule for these reports.

4.3.1. The University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) shall have seven faculty members selected from the elected faculty currently serving on the University Council or having served within the past three years. UCAG shall have five undergraduate student members, of ASMSU, and two graduate student members from COGS. The Provost or designee and the Secretary for Academic Governance shall be ex officio members of UCAG.

Section 5

5.1.4. Advisory-Consultative Committees shall advise and consult with appropriate administrators. The committees shall recommend to the University Council, through the Steering Committee or an appropriate University-level Standing Committee, needed changes in University policies and procedures. An annual report shall be made to The Steering Committee for distribution with the University Council minutes. Minutes of all meetings shall be sent to The Steering Committee.