Motion (Nails) to ratify actions taken 17 September 2015: changes to Bylaws for Academic Governance (Bylaws)—additions in blue and deletions in red:

1.1.1.4. 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.

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

Motions (Nails) to amend the Bylaws as shown: 1

In sections 2.2.7, 3.2.8, 3.2.9.1, 3.3.4.10, 4.9.4, 4.9.5, 5.1.1, 6.1.1, 6.3.1, (6.4.1,) 6.5.1 of the Bylaws, Academic Freedom for Students shall be amended to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Rationale: Simple name change (but item 6.4 is due for deletion by separate amendment). Item 2.2.7 appears again below.

Section 6.4 of the Bylaws shall be deleted with appropriate renumbering.

1 1.1.1.1 and 1.1.1.2 (memo of 17 September) cannot be amended because the lecturer rank has not been established; if it is, then only 1.1.1.2 will be affected because it would be a rank outside the tenure system.
2.1.2. An academic administrator is a faculty member who has authority and responsibility delegated by the President and the Board of Trustees for the administration of a unit. Administrative officers of the major education and research units of the University shall be members of the regular faculty, health professions faculty, or FRIB/NSCL National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory faculty, except Deans who shall be members of the regular faculty.

Rationale: This is apparently just an oversight from the 17 September agenda that should also have been changed. There is a typo as well, however.

2.2.5.1. Each College Advisory Committee shall ensure that at least two of its members are members of the University Council, selecting—if necessary—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.

Rationale: This change (17 September request) would require consideration with 3.3.1.2.1 (see below).

Reservation: What about the residential colleges? Should an exception for residential colleges be included?

2.2.7. Unit academic governance shall have jurisdiction over other matters, as provided in other University policies and legislation, e.g., Student Rights and Responsibilities Academic Freedom for Students at Michigan State University, Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities, Medical Students Rights and Responsibilities, and the Faculty Grievance Policy Procedure.

Rationale: The issue here is the correct reference to the FGO (the name change was included in the first motion of this section).

3.1.2.2. The Academic Congress shall also serve as a forum for the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information between the faculty and the administration. No quorum is required for such meetings.

Rationale: The deleted sentence is repeated under “3.1.4. Quorum” at 3.1.4.4, which is the better place for it.

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 the 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 in 3.2.1.5.

3.2.7.6. The University Council shall establish its own rules and procedures. The Faculty Senate, ASMSU, and COGS shall keep minutes of their meetings, which shall be distributed to all members of the University Council by posting on the Academic Governance website, and to all academic unit offices. Individual faculty may receive copies of such minutes on a regular basis upon written request to the Secretary for Academic Governance.

Rationale: We’re supposed to be going paperless.

Reservation: Should UCFA consider this first?

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.

If 2.2.5.1 was accepted, there is no inconsistency here—but the reservation about the residential colleges remains.

3.3.1.2.2. For purposes of determining the number of elected representatives on the Faculty Senate to which a college is entitled, the number of voting faculty (1.1.2.1), shall be the total number of faculty for whom the academic units in the college have primary responsibility for initiating personnel actions (1.1.2.3). For purposes of determining the number of faculty members required for the conduct of governance in accordance with these Bylaws, the census of the University on the final class day of the fall term shall be definitive.

Rationale: The addition enables the Office of the Secretary for Academic Governance to set numbers affecting representation before the spring election cycle (rectifying the problems with 3.2.4.1 (ASMSU), 3.2.4.2 (COGS), and 3.3.1.2.1 (faculty representation).

6.3.2. The President shall appoint the faculty members to the pools for the University Academic Grievance Hearing Board, the University Academic Integrity Hearing Board,
and University Academic Appeals Board pool 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.

Rationale: Two boards have been added.

6.3.3 The term of office for faculty members in the three pools University Academic Integrity Hearing Board pool shall be one or two three years, with the opportunity for reappointment never to extend a person’s service beyond four consecutive years in any one pool. for one additional three-year term. Provisions shall be made to stagger appointments to assure continuity. Terms of office shall begin with the summer semester following appointment. The service of current pool members extends until replacements are nominated.

Rationale: Three pools are named already in the heading of the section; terms of appointment are clarified.

Reservation: Does nomination so automatically result in appointment that it’s sufficient to write nominated here instead of appointed?

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

Rationale: Clarification required because there are now three boards.