**Motion**

Concerning Recommendations from Faculty Voice Task Force #1 on *Central Governance Organizations*

*Whereas* there is a need to renew faculty engagement and the exercise of faculty responsibilities in the operation and direction of the MSU system of academic governance ...

*Be it resolved* that Faculty Council charges the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) to develop a package of governance by-law changes to effect the following reforms of the central bodies of academic governance:

1. There will be three central governance bodies, mirroring the current Faculty Council, Academic Council, and Academic Senate. The three new bodies will be named Faculty Senate (replacing Faculty Council), University Council (replacing Academic Council), and Faculty Assembly (replacing Academic Senate).

2. Membership in three bodies will follow current corresponding membership rules for Faculty Council, Academic Council, and Academic Senate, except as noted in the following paragraph.

   In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members of Faculty Council will include representatives from the administration, ASMSU and COGS, and two faculty members of the Athletic Council, designated by the President of the University.

3. The chairs for each body will be (a) for Faculty Senate, the Chairperson of the executive committee of the governance system, (b) for University Council, the Provost of the University, and (c) for Faculty Assembly, the Chairperson of the executive committee of the governance system.

4. The responsibilities and operations of Faculty Assembly will continue with the model in place now for Academic Senate.

5. The responsibilities and operations of University Council will continue with the model in place now for Academic Council except that on issues related to direct faculty responsibility, University Council will have discussion responsibilities only.

6. The responsibilities and operations of the Faculty Senate will continue with the model in place now for Faculty Council except that Faculty Senate will be the designated decision making body on issues related directly to faculty rights and responsibilities: (a) tenure and promotion of faculty, (b) issues of faculty compensation, and (c) issues focused on the academic curricula and academic programs of the University.
SUBSTITUTE Motion
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Be it resolved that Faculty Council charges the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) to develop a package of governance by-law changes to effect the following reforms of the central bodies of academic governance:

1. There will be two central governance bodies, mirroring a combination of Faculty Council and Academic Council, and Academic Senate. The new two bodies will be named University Senate (replacing Faculty Council and Academic Council), and Faculty Assembly (replacing Academic Senate).

2. Membership in two bodies will follow current corresponding membership rules for Academic Council and Academic Senate, except as noted in the following paragraph.

Ex-officio, non-voting members of University Senate will include two faculty members of the Athletic Council, designated by the President of the University.

3. The chairs for the bodies will be (a) for University Senate, the President of the University and (b) for Faculty Assembly, the Chairperson of the executive committee of the governance system. In the absence of the President, the Provost will chair the University Senate. In the absence of the Chairperson of the executive committee, the Vice Chairperson will chair the Faculty Assembly.

4. The responsibilities and operations of Faculty Assembly will continue the current rules for Academic Senate.

5. University Senate will act as the sole, regularly meeting central body of the governance system. Meetings will typically occur once per month during the academic year. Faculty representation in University Senate that is parallel to the current Faculty Council member representation in Academic Council will be carefully noted as "representatives of the Faculty." All members of the body will have voice on all issues. All members will have vote on all issues except those issues that are the sole responsibility of the Faculty: (a) tenure and promotion of faculty, (b) issues of faculty compensation, and (c) issues focused on the academic curricula and academic programs of the University. On these issues, only duly noted "representatives of the Faculty" will have vote. Quorum for these issues will be constituted of the "representatives of the Faculty."