UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE (UCAG)
Annual Summary Report 2014–15

Members:  A. Anderson, E. Bedeca, S. Carey; M. Chavez, Chairperson; D. Clark, M. Drangstveit; J. Gabilonda; X. Gao; P. Muhammad-Faizaan; R. Ofoli; M. Patel; J. Schwartz; R. Smith, Vice Chairperson

Members ex officio:  J. Gaboury, J. Powell

Present:  S. Lott, Secretary

Meetings held:  September, October, November, January, and February
Meetings canceled for lack of a quorum:  March and April

This report was compiled at the request of The Steering Committee by D. Nails from posted UGAC minutes, supplemented by S. Lott. Nails was not a member of UCAG and not present for its meetings in 2014–15.

Amendments proposed to the Bylaws for Academic Governance (Bylaws):  Amendments were minuted as “accepted by members” of UCAG. Neither The Steering Committee nor the University Council considered any amendments to the Bylaws in 2014–15. Additions in blue, deletions in red.

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 from 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.

4.3.2.  The University Committee on Academic Governance shall nominate to the University Council individuals who may be appointed to University-level Standing Committees, The Steering Committee, Advisory-Consultative Committees, and other committees as may be requested by the University Council.

4.3.2.2.  ASMSU shall appoint graduate and/or professional students to fill the vacant graduate student positions on the committees listed in 4.3.2. in accordance with the procedures outlined in COG’s bylaws. COGS shall appoint graduate and/or professional students to fill the vacant graduate student positions on the committees listed in 4.3.2. in accordance with the procedures outlined in ASMSU’s bylaws.

4.3.3.  The University Committee on Academic Governance shall conduct a continuing review of
the Bylaws for Academic Governance and shall be responsible for recommending amendments in these Bylaws to the University Council.

4.3.4. The University Committee on Academic Governance shall interpret these Bylaws for Academic Governance. Recommendations are subject to review and action by the University Council.

4.3.5. The University Committee on Academic Governance shall review college bylaws for consistency with these Bylaws for Academic Governance. The review of each college’s bylaws shall be conducted at least once every five years.

4.3.6. The University Committee on Academic Governance shall review unit appeals in case of a conflict between units and consider appeals of reviews of department/school bylaws by college committees.

4.3.8. The University Committee on Academic Governance shall provide guidelines for elections and/or appointment to committees/boards/panels affiliated with the University Council and the University Committee on Academic Governance. The committee will review challenged elections, and recommend appropriate action to the University Council.

UCAG also discussed changes to Bylaws 3.2.1.1 and 3.3.1.2 (text unavailable).

College Bylaws reviewed or assigned for review:

* Agriculture and Natural Resources, CANR—Anderson and Smith reviewed the bylaws, provided a preliminary report to UCAG in November; amended college bylaws were approved in February.
* Business—E. Bedeca, R. Ofoli (assigned)
* Engineering—M. Drangstveit and D. Clark (assigned)
* Nursing—M. Patel and M. Chavez (assigned)

Elections responsibilities conducted:

Selection of nominees was successful and nominees for the University Student-Faculty-Staff Hearing Board; the University Student Appeals Board; the Anti-Discrimination Judicial Board; the All-University Traffic and Transportation Committee; the Department of Police and Public Safety Oversight Committee; the University Committee on Student Affairs; the President’s Advisory Committee on Disability Issues; the University Military Education Advisory Committee; the MSU Union Board Advisory Committee; the Universitywide Naming Committee; and the Athletic Council. UCAG also selected nominees for the All-University
Awards Committee.

Other issues discussed in committee:

Reform and modernization of University election procedures; migration of shared services for Academic Governance and the Faculty Grievance Office as one service organization; archive of the Office of Academic Governance documents; Faculty Senate survey results.