Members: Bradley Beyett (AA), Edward Budeca (AA), Stephan Carey (VM), Manuel Chavez (CAS), Rita Edozie (JM), John Fitzsimmons (CHM), John Gaboury ex officio, Xia Gao (CAL), Elle Gulotty (COGS), Lynette Guzman (COGS), Debra Nails (CAL), John Powell ex officio, Janice Schwartz (COM); with the assistance of Sherry Lott

Pending: three undergraduate representatives

Meetings held: September, October, November, December

Bylaws amendments. UCAG discussed and proposed to The Steering Committee and University Council amendments to 65 articles of the Bylaws for Academic Governance (Bylaws); additional amendments, approved in committee, are in the pipeline for spring. The committee’s minutes are published through the website of the Office for Academic Governance, where all amendments are minuted in full.

Election responsibilities. The UCAG has responsibility for pairing faculty volunteers with vacancies on boards, councils, and committees in the spring.1

Review of college bylaws for consistency with the Bylaws. Of seventeen colleges and the Libraries, twelve colleges are overdue for their five-year review, and the Library is due. All but one of the thirteen have submitted copies of their bylaws to the Office of the Secretary for Academic Governance. The spring will be taken up with reducing the backlog.

Committee restructuring. The UCAG is unique among University-level Standing Committees in having volunteer members and in having equal numbers of faculty and students. Changes to the bylaws of ASMSU and COGS have made the proportions no longer appropriate; and the heavy workload of the committee suggests that UCAG’s membership should reflect the full range of MSU colleges. Plans are currently underway for rewriting the Bylaws that describe the UCAG.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Nails, Chair

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1 This has already been completed.