The following substantive amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance (the Bylaws) have been approved by UCAG. Non-substantive revision (typos, technical terms, abbreviations—several reflecting good practices suggested by the Office of the General Counsel) is also underway with the consent of UCAG. Insertions in blue, 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.

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. The abbreviation SRR shall be included at its first mention in each section and then used throughout the section.

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

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.

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. See 3.3.1.2.1.

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 Procedure.

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.

3.2.1.1. The University Council shall be composed of the members of Faculty Senate, selected pursuant to 3.3.1.2, 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 3.2.1.1.5.

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.

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 made public available to all members of the distributed to all members of the University Council through 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.

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. See 2.2.5.1.

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 voting faculty will be provided to the Secretary for Academic Governance by the Office of Human Resources no later than October 1 of each year.

6.3.2. The President shall appoint the faculty members to the pool for the University Academic Grievance Hearing Board, in 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.

6.3.3 The term of office for faculty members in the pool 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. 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.

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.

Of seven amendments “accepted” by UCAG in November of 2014 that did not move further through governance, two are incorporated under general maintenance, one appears in more than one version and will be revisited, leaving the following four.

4.3.2. The UCAG 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 solicit nominations from the entire undergraduate students population for to fill the vacant undergraduate student positions vacancies on the committees listed in 4.3.2, in accordance with the procedures outlined in ASMSU’s bylaws. COGS shall
appoint graduate or graduate-professional students to fill the vacant graduate student positions on the committees listed in 4.3.2, in accordance with the procedures outlined in COGS bylaws.

4.3.6. The UCAG shall review unit appeals in cases of conflict between units and consider appeals of reviews of department or school bylaws by college committees.

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