By-Law Amendments

Possible language for the proposed amendments to the By-Laws which, would allow ASMSU to transition to this new structure, are provided below:

3.2.3.2. The voting members of the Academic Assembly and the Student Assembly of the ASMSU as determined by the constitution of ASMSU, shall serve on the University Council.

3.2.4.1. The Academic Assembly of ASMSU shall select a number of undergraduate student representatives to the University Council equal to one-third (1/3) of the total voting membership of the University Council. The number of representatives shall be rounded to the nearest integer. The overall selection shall ensure balanced collegiate representation. The Student Assembly of ASMSU shall select no more than three representatives to serve on the University Council.

3.2.7.5. The Faculty Senate, the Appointed Council (3.2.1.1.2.), the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, or COGS may, by a majority vote of those present and voting, refer matters to the University Council. Such recommendations shall be placed on the agenda of the University Council by The Steering Committee.

3.2.8. Functions of the Academic Assembly of ASMSU

3.2.8.1. The Academic Assembly of ASMSU shall consider and act upon all recommendations to University Council regarding student academic rights and responsibilities and judicial procedures; upon any proposed amendment to or revision of Academic Freedom for Students at Michigan State University prior to its consideration by University Council; upon all matters brought before it by the President, the Provost, or the Vice-President for Student Affairs and Services; and upon all matters on which its constitution requires such action.

3.2.8.2. On any matter brought before the Academic Assembly of ASMSU the mode of participation shall be that which is specified on the matter in the ascription of functions to University-level Standing Committees (4.3-4.9).

3.3.1.5. The President, the Provost, one elected member from the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, one elected member from COGS, and the Chairperson of the Athletic Council (or the Chairperson designee) will serve as ex officio members of the Faculty Senate, with voice, but no vote.

3.4.1.1. The Steering Committee shall be composed of (a) five members of the faculty elected at-large; (b) the Chairperson of the University-level Standing Committees; (c) the Chairperson of Academic Affairs of ASMSU Academic Assembly and the President of the Council of Graduate Students, who will have voting rights on all matters not reserved for the faculty (1.2.3.); (d) one undergraduate student chosen from the voting members of the ASMSU
Academic Assembly and one graduate student selected from the student members of COGS who will have voting rights on all matters not reserved for the faculty.

3.4.1.2.4. The term of office for student members of The Steering Committee shall be one year. No student may serve more than two consecutive terms on The Steering Committee unless that student holds the office of President of COGS or ASMSU Academic Assembly Chairperson, Academic Assembly Chairperson, Vice Chairperson of Academic Affairs, in which event the student may serve on The Steering Committee while holding that office. Student members of The Steering Committee will be identified by the end of each Spring Semester.

3.4.1.2.4.1. Student members of The Steering Committee shall be chosen from the voting membership of ASMSU Academic Assembly and COGS.

3.4.1.2.4.2. Should a student member leave The Steering Committee, a replacement shall be chosen by ASMSU Academic Assembly in the case of an undergraduate student, or COGS in the case of a graduate student.

3.5.3. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall be the parliamentarian with regard to the Bylaws for Academic Governance, and shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member of the University Council, the Faculty Senate, The Steering Committee, the Academic Congress and the Academic General Assembly of ASMSU.

3.5.4. The Secretary for Academic Governance will serve as the liaison between the Academic Assembly of ASMSU and academic governance and between COGS and academic governance.

3.5.4.1. The Secretary for Academic Governance will be responsible for sharing information with academic governance regarding actions being taken by the Academic Assembly of ASMSU and COGS.

3.5.4.2. The Secretary for Academic Governance will serve as informational parliamentarian for the Academic Assembly of ASMSU and COGS.

3.5.4.3. The Secretary of Academic Governance will receive and file the minutes of meetings of the Academic Assembly of ASMSU and COGS in the Office of Academic Governance.

3.5.4.4. The Office of Student Life will consult regularly with the Secretary of Academic Governance regarding ASMSU and COGS elections and will provide assistance to the Academic Assembly of ASMSU and COGS.

3.5.5. The Office of the Secretary for Academic Governance, along with other administrative offices, provides staff support to The Steering Committee, the University Council, the Faculty Senate, the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, the Council of Graduate Students, and the University-level Standing Committees in the execution of responsibilities directly and indirectly expressed in these Bylaws. The Secretary of Academic Governance shall supervise elections to the University Council, the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, the Council of Graduate Students,
and of the at-large faculty of The Steering Committee, with review by the University Committee on Academic Governance.

4.2.1.11. Unless otherwise provided, undergraduate student members of University-level Standing Committees shall be elected by the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, and graduate student members of University-level Standing Committees shall be elected by COGS. Elections shall be held prior to the end of spring semester.

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 of whom at least one must be a member of the Academic Assembly of 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.

4.3.2.2. The Academic Assembly of ASMSU shall solicit nominations from the entire undergraduate student population for the undergraduate vacancies on the committees listed in 4.3.2. COGS shall appoint graduate and professional students to graduate vacancies on the committees listed in 4.3.2.

4.4.1. The membership of the University Committee on Undergraduate Studies (UCUS) shall include a faculty member from each college, and a faculty member from the non-college faculty. UCUS shall also have four undergraduate student members, of whom one must be a member of the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, and two graduate student members from COGS. The Provost or the Provost’s designee shall be a member with voice, but no vote.

4.5.1. The members of the University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) shall include a faculty member from each college. UCC shall also have five undergraduate student members, of whom one must be a member of the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, and two graduate student members. The Provost or the Provost’s designee shall be a member with voice, but no vote. The Provost shall also name an executive secretary to serve ex officio without vote.

4.7.1. The faculty of each college, and the non-college faculty, shall select one regular faculty member (1.1.1.1.) to represent it on the University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT). UCFT shall have as members at least three non-tenured faculty. Each year the Committee on Academic Governance shall designate which colleges, or college groupings, shall select non-tenured faculty as members of the University Committee on Faculty Tenure. UCFT shall have two undergraduate student members, of whom one must be a member of the Academic Assembly of ASMSU, and one graduate student member. The Provost or the Provost’s designee shall be a member with voice, but no vote.

4.9.1. The University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA) shall have four faculty members selected by the Faculty Senate. UCSA shall have eight student members appointed as follows: three ASMSU Student Assembly appointees, six appointees from ASMSU, including the Chairperson of ASMSU Student Assembly or the Chairperson’s designee; and two appointees
from the Council of Graduate Students. and three ASMSU Academic Assembly appointees. 
UCSA appointees are expected to reflect the diversity of their constituencies. The Vice President 
for Student Affairs and Services or the Vice President’s designee and the University 
Ombudsman shall be members with voice, but no vote.