



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Action Summary

Committee Name Academic Affairs

Date June 28, 2024

Agenda Item: Revision to the MSU Board of Trustees Bylaws

Information

Review

Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Bylaws amendments as enclosed with this resolution (Attachment A).

Recommendation:

The Trustee Committee on Academic affairs recommends that the Board of Trustees approves amendments to the Bylaws as indicated in Attachment A.

Prior Action by BOT:

The Board last approved amendments to its Bylaws on September 8, 2023.

Responsible Officers:

Stefan Fletcher, Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees

Summary:

The revision to Article 4 of the bylaws would implement a dual reporting structure for the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees, who would jointly report to the president and the board.

Additionally, minor grammatical and technical amendments have been made for clarity and consistency in the document.

Background Information:

The proposal to have the Secretary report to both the president and the board is in line with peers nationally and recognizes the role as serving the board-to-president relationship that underpins University’s governance framework, including the governance commitments approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2023. Additionally, as part of the initiative to update the board’s governing

documents, select technical amendments are proposed to correct minor grammatical errors in the current document.

Source of Funds:

Not applicable.

Resource Impact:

Not applicable.



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Academic Affairs- Attachment 4

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Responsible Officers:

Stefan Fletcher, Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees

Summary:

The substantive revision to Article 2 of the MSU Board of Trustees Bylaws would implement a total time limit of 45 minutes for public comment during regularly scheduled board meetings. Individual presentations would continue to have a time limit of 3 minutes per person.

The revision to Article 4 of the bylaws would implement a dual reporting structure for the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees, who would jointly report to the president and the board.

Additionally, minor grammatical and technical amendments have been made for clarity and consistency in the document.

Background Information:

The substantive revisions introduce a 45-minute total time limit for public comment at board meetings and a dual reporting structure for the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees. The proposal to implement a total time limit for public comment would equate to a total of 15 public speakers at board meetings being permitted, each of whom would have three minutes to speak. The introduction of a total time limit is in line with other Michigan public universities. The proposal to have the Secretary report to both the president and the board is in line with peers nationally and recognizes the role as serving the board-to-president relationship that underpins University's governance framework, including the governance commitments approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2023. Additionally, as part of the initiative to update the board's governing documents, select technical amendments are proposed to correct minor grammatical errors in the current document.

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