Revisions to Regents’ bylaws proposed

Editor’s note: The following are proposed revisions to Regents’ Bylaws Sections 5.01, 5.24 and 11.13. Additions are underlined and deletions are crossed out. Feedback must be received by Sept. 29 in the Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University by e-mail, public.comm ents@umich.edu, or fax, (734) 763-8011.

Chapter V. The Faculties and Academic Staff

Section 5.01 Definitions (revised June 2001)

As used in these bylaws:

1. The term faculty shall include members of the teaching and research staff together with the executive officers, the directors of various teaching, research, and library units, research associates, curators, and persons with similar duties.

2. The term professional staff shall include professors, associate professors, and assistant professors.

3. The term governing faculty, when used in connection with a school or college, shall include those members of the school or college who are professors, associate professors, and assistant professors.

4. The following titles may be used for research scientist appointments:

- research scientist
- associate research scientist
- research assistant professor
- research associate professor
- research professor

5. The term teaching fellow, teaching associate, teaching assistant, student assistant, research assistant, technical assistant, laboratory assistant, and assistant shall be used to designate junior appointees who participate in the processes of teaching and research but do not possess faculty rank. Students in these classifications shall have student status.

6. The term university year, as used in connection with appointments of members of the faculty and other personnel, contains any two terms in the calendar, as defined for the year in question. Faculty members are expected to participate in orientation, registration, and commencement.

Section 5.24 Primary Research Scientists and Research Professors (revised February 2009)

1. Research Scientists. An academic or research unit may appoint research scientists to support the research activities of the University if a policy to authorize such appointments has been adopted by the school, college, division, or research unit in accordance with the bylaws of that unit and has been approved by the vice president for research.

2. Senior Research Scientists and Research Professors. An academic or research unit may appoint senior research scientists and research professors to support the research activities of the University if a policy to authorize such appointments has been adopted by the school, college, division, or research unit in accordance with the bylaws of that unit and has been approved by the vice president for research and the appropriate provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

3. Senior Research Scientists and Research Professors. Research professor appointments are not appointments to the tenured or tenure-track instructional faculty. The following titles may be used for research scientist appointments: research scientist, associate research scientist, assistant research scientist, and research investigator. Further definition of the rights and responsibilities of research scientists, not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, may be addressed by the bylaws of the academic or research units.

4. The vice president and the governing faculty of the university shall maintain a list of those schools, colleges, divisions, and research units that are authorized to make research scientist appointments.

5. The executive faculty shall consist of all faculty members of the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, clinical professor, clinical associate professor, clinical assistant professor, and research scientist. The executive faculty shall also include instructors, clinical instructors, and lecturers who have appointments of halftime or more who have been appointed for more than one year. It shall perform the duties assigned to the governing faculties of other schools and colleges.