

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.comments@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 *professorial 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. The governing faculty shall include instructors and lecturers who hold appointments of one-half time or more; provided, however, that such instructors and lecturers may vote at faculty meetings only if they have held appointments for one or more years and are authorized to vote by a majority of the professorial staff of the appropriate school or college. The governing faculty may include clinical professors, clinical associate professors, clinical assistant professors, research scientists, associate research scientists, assistant research scientists, research investigators, ~~senior research scientists~~ research professors, and ~~senior as-~~

~~sociate research scientists~~ research associate professors, and research assistant professors when authorized by, and in accordance with, the policies and bylaws of the appropriate school or college.

4. The term *teaching staff* shall include professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors, lecturers, and teaching fellows.

5. The terms *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 (added February 2000)

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.

Research scientist 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.

Primary research Research scientist appointments and promotions are recommended by the appropriate instructional unit and school, college, division, or research unit and are approved by the vice president for research, the chancellor (Dearborn or Flint), and the president.

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

2. ~~Senior Research Scientists~~ Research Professors. An academic or research unit may appoint ~~senior research scientists~~ 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~~.

~~Senior research scientist~~ Research professor appointments are not appointments to the tenured or tenure-track instructional faculty. The following titles may be used for ~~senior research scientist~~ research professor or ~~senior associate research scientist~~, research associate professor, or research assistant professor. Further

definition of the rights and responsibilities of ~~senior research scientists~~ research professors, not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, may be addressed by the bylaws of the academic or research units.

~~Senior research scientist~~ Research professor appointments and promotions are recommended by the appropriate instructional unit and school, college, division, or research unit and are approved by the vice president for research, the appropriate provost, ~~and executive vice president for academic affairs~~, the chancellor (Dearborn or Flint), and the president.

The vice president and secretary of the university shall maintain a list of those schools, colleges, divisions, and research units that are authorized to make ~~senior research scientist~~ research professor appointments.

(Note: The research scientist tracks have been established on the Ann Arbor campus only.)

Sec. 11.13. The Medical School: The Executive Faculty (revised July 2002)

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