Editor’s note: The Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University is seeking feedback on the following proposed changes to Regents’ Bylaws Secs. 11.59, The Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics: Organization, and 11.60, The Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics: Functions. Underlined sections are additions; sections that feature strikethroughs are deletions. Comments should be submitted by Aug. 31 to public.comments@umich.edu.

Sec. 11.59. The Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics: Organization

Members of the Advisory Board will be appointed on or before the first of July each year. The officers of the Advisory Board will be a chair, a secretary, and such other officers and committees as will be authorized or chosen by the board. The director of athletics will be chair, ex officio, without vote. The chair will act as presiding officer at board meetings and will act as the board’s general executive officer.

There will be a Committee on Academic Performance consisting of the faculty members of the board, and, in addition, a representative of the registrar of the University. The committee will report to and advise the president for academic affairs on all matters pertaining to the academic performance of all candidates for intercollegiate athletic teams, including recommendations on their eligibility for competition in intercollegiate athletics and other recommendations deemed necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.

Sec. 11.60. The Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics: Functions

The Advisory Board will function as advisor to the director on the program in intercollegiate athletics. The director will seek and consider the advice of the Advisory Board on all major financial and policy decisions with respect to the program on intercollegiate athletics. Upon the request of the Advisory Board, the president will meet with the Advisory Board at least once in each of the fall and winter semesters. Subject only to the ultimate authority of the president and the Board of Regents, the Advisory Board will make, adopt, and enforce the necessary rules and regulations governing all matters pertaining to the eligibility of players, intercollegiate relations, and membership in associations of universities and colleges organized for the regulation of athletics.

The Advisory Board President will appoint the University representative in the Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives after seeking nominees from the Advisory Board, the appointments to be approved by the Senate Assembly, and others, and after consultation with the Advisory Board. Such representative will be a member of the University Senate and will hold office for a term of five years and may serve unlimited terms.

The Advisory Board will report all its official actions, through the president, to the Board of Regents for approval, and will report annually to the University Senate, through the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs. At any time, the Senate Advisory Committee may request full information on matters within the province of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will at all times receive and consider recommendations from the University Senate and petitions from the student body.