THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

ACTION REQUEST: Revision of Regents' Bylaw 11.60 The Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics: Functions

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

The third paragraph of Regents' Bylaw 11.60 describes the appointment process for the University representative in the Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives and the parameters for the term of the appointment. For the reasons described below, we recommend several revisions to Regents' Bylaw 11.60, as noted below. Proposed additions are in italics and deletions are crossed out.

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 questions 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 appointment 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 Advisory Board may consult with the University Senate through its advisory committee; and 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.

Rationale for the proposed Bylaw revisions:
• Accountability will be appropriately placed with the President.
• More engagement by university presidents improves the articulation of academic values in college sports.
• Appointment of the University representative to the Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives will be more in line with the practices at other Big Ten universities.

The proposed revisions have been posted in The University Record as required by the Regents' procedures for revising Regents' bylaws, and we recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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President

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