SUBJECT: Proposed Regents’ Bylaws Revisions

ACTION REQUESTED: Housekeeping Revisions to Regents’ Bylaws 3.07, 11.08, 11.09, and 11.24

Background

Following a review by the Regents’ Personnel, Compensation and Governance Committee, the Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University is proposing revision to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents as described below.

1) Section 3.07 Approval and Execution of University Documents, 2.(b)

At its April 2015 meeting the Regents’ Finance, Audit and Investment Committee reviewed revisions to the delegation of authority to sign agreements for transactions involving personal property. The changes are consistent with other related delegations, align with SPG 601.24, and remove financial limits that have not changed since October, 1999.

2) Section 11.08 The University of Michigan-Dearborn: College of Education, Health, and Human Services Executive Committee

The revisions increase the number of UM-Dearborn College of Education, Health, and Human Services Executive Committee faculty members from three to four and provide for two members from each department, as approved by the regents on October 16, 2014.

3) Section 11.09 The University of Michigan-Dearborn: College of Engineering and Computer Science Executive Committee

The revisions, approved at the Regents’ March 2015 meeting, increase the number of UM-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science Executive Committee faculty members from four to five, and term limits from two to three years, with eligibility for reappointment for an additional term. After the additional term is served they will not be eligible for reappointment until after the lapse of one year.

4) Section 11.24 The Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies: Institute for Human Adjustment

The Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Institute for Human Adjustment was renamed the Mary A. Rackham Institute by regental action on April 17, 2014.
The proposed revisions were posted in The University Record, according to the Regents’ guidelines for bylaws revisions, and no comments were received. We therefore recommend approval of revisions to Regents’ Bylaws Sections 3.07, 11.08, 11.09, and 11.24 as outlined in the attached document.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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Attachment
Proposed Regents' Bylaws Revisions
(additions underlined; deletions crossed-out)

Section 3.07, Approval and Execution of University Documents, 2.(b)

All contracts for sponsored research and supplements agreements for sponsored projects and supplements thereto, including agreements for fellowships, scholarships, and grants-in-aid, and all contracts agreements covering payment for tuition and supplies may be executed by the executive vice president and chief financial officer. The executive vice president’s signature shall will be certified by the vice president and secretary where such certification is requested. Where the commitments fall within the normal activities of the university, the executive vice president and chief financial officer is authorized to delegate in writing to designated representatives authority to execute such agreements.

(i) All such contracts described in this subsection (b) where the amount involved is less than $750,000;
(ii) Training grants and/or fellowship program awards where the amount does not exceed a rate of $250,000 per year; and
(iii) Applications for grants and contracts.

Section 11.08 The University of Michigan-Dearborn: College of Education, Health, and Human Services Executive Committee

The executive committee will consist of the dean and three-four faculty members, two members from each department, of senate rank to be appointed by the Regents on recommendation by the chancellor and the president. The appointed members will not be eligible for reappointment until after the lapse of one year. The three year terms will be for three years and will be adjusted so that one or two vacancy vacancies will occur each year. The dean will chair the committee.

Section 11.09 The University of Michigan-Dearborn: College of Engineering and Computer Science Executive Committee

The executive committee will consist of the dean and four-five faculty members of senate rank to be appointed by the Regents on recommendation by the chancellor and the president. After two terms have been served, the appointed members will not be eligible for reappointment for an additional term, however, after the additional term has been served, they will not be eligible for reappointment until after the lapse of one year. The terms will be for two three years and will be re-adjusted so that one or two vacancy vacancies will occur each year. The dean will chair the committee.
Section 11.24 The Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies: Institute for Human-Adjustment—Mary A. Rackham Institute

The Mary A. Rackham Institute for Human-Adjustment will be maintained as part of the graduate school for the purpose of conducting research, training, and service in those areas which concern the adjustment of the individual with respect to the individual's personal well-being and to the individual's place in the community.

The institute will be responsible to the dean, assisted by the executive board of the graduate school.

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