The Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University invites comments regarding the following proposed changes to Regents’ Bylaws. Please submit comments to publications@umich.edu by February 4, 2011. (see below) indicates deletions; (see below) indicates additions.

Chapter VII: Delete entire chapter.
The entities described in Sections 7.01 and 7.03 no longer exist. Sections 7.01 and 7.03 can be eliminated, because the roles and responsibilities of the vice president for student affairs are already described in Chapter II of the bylaws.

Chapter VIII: Student Affairs
Sec. 7.01. The Committee on Communications
At any time the president, the Board of Regents, or the Student Assembly may appoint a Committee on Communications for the purpose of promoting discussion when disagreements arise among various segments of the University, the committee, using the structure set out below and provided for such purposes as it shall determine to be appropriate. Should any member of the University informs the president at any time or at the request of the Committee, the president may appoint such members. The committee shall consist of two members appointed by the president, two members appointed by the Student Assembly, two members from each of the four colleges, and three faculty members.

Sec. 7.04. Vice President for Student Affairs (revised April 1992)
The vice president for student affairs shall be the chief administrative officer of the Office of Student Affairs. The vice president shall be appointed by the Board of Regents upon recommendation by the president. The vice president shall be a member of the Student Affairs Policy Board, and shall serve as chair without vote, but such other units as may from time to time be added by the board. Each of these units shall be in the charge of a director appointed by the board, on recommendation and responsible to the dean and the executive committee.

Note regarding the proposed changes to Section 11.31:
The advice of an external review committee was not adopted. Instead, the role of the Student Assembly was clarified. The proposed bylaw revision also updates the official name of the Kelsey Museum.

Proposed revisions to Regents’ Bylaw 11.31
Sec. 11.31: The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Laboratories and Museum Collections
All special laboratories and all working collections in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts shall be under the immediate direction of the chair of the department of which they are a part, except for the collections maintained by each of the following units of the Museum of Anthropology, the Kelsey Museum of Ancient and Medieval Archaeology, the University Herbarium, and the Museum of Paleontology.

Note regarding Recreational Sports Bylaws in Chapter XI: In April 2009, the Recreational Intercollegiate Committee, a body charged with responsibility for the development, maintenance, and administration of University programs in intercollegiate sports and intramural athletics, was formally housed in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in the Office of the Provost and Division of Student Affairs, and was renamed the Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Board.

Proposed Bylaws Changes Pursuant to Transfer of Recreational Sports to Student Affairs
(may need renumbering and re-ordering pending approval)
Sec. 11.54. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: General Purposes
The term "athletics" includes all programs of intercollegiate competition. The department will promote wide participation in the activities of the department. Every effort will be made to coordinate the interests of intramural sports and intercollegiate athletics on the Ann Arbor campus and to aid the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures applicable to other university units.

Sec. 11.55. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Organization of Department
The department will subject to the ultimate authority of the president and the Board of Regents, have responsibility for a comprehensive program of recreational and physical activities for students, faculty, and staff, and for the necessary staff and equipment. The term "intramural" includes recreational sports, intramural sports, intramural sports clubs, informal, drop-in, and special interest recreational activities, to be offered by the department.

Sec. 11.56. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: The Director
The director will be responsible for the coaching, training, and well being of athletes in the intercollegiate athletics program, and will be appointed by the president. The director will be responsible for the effective operation of the program in recreational sports and intercollegiate athletics. The director will be responsible to the executive vice president for student affairs and to the Board of Regents.

Sec. 11.59. University Policy Board for Intercollegiate Athletics
The board shall be empowered to make recommendations to the president concerning the policies and procedures of the University as they relate to the programs of intercollegiate athletics. The board shall be appointed by the president and will carry out such other duties as may be directed by the president.

Sec. 11.61. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Funds
Separate accounting and financial statements shall be made for department funds. Any surplus funds from intercollegiate operations will be devoted (1) to the further support of the various programs and activities carried on within the department, and (2) so far as possible, to permanent university improvements, particularly to the building and improvement of facilities for participation in all forms of physical exercise.

Sec. 11.62. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Facilities
The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will establish policies on the use of athletic facilities and properties that are managed by the University. Every effort will be made.
to coordinate the use of athletic facilities between the intercollegiate program and the recreational sports program, which is administered by the vice president for student affairs.

Sec. 11.63. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports (revised July 2008)

The Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports will be constituted as follows: (1) the director of recreational sports, ex officio; (2) four members of the University Senate to be appointed by the president from a panel of senate members chosen by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. The appointed members will hold office for two years but in no event will any member of the senate serve more than two terms, except that if a member be appointed to fill an unexpired term of one year or less that member will also be eligible for two full terms. The terms of the members will be staggered so that two terms will expire each year. The panel from which the appointments are made each year will be unranked and will contain twice the number of names as there are vacancies. If a vacancy occurs in the appointive senate membership due to causes other than the completion of the appointive term, the president is authorized to make an interim appointment from a new panel of names submitted by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, or if the president so requests, from a new panel of names submitted by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, or if the president so requests, from a new panel of names submitted by the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs. The panel from which the appointments are made each year will be unranked and will contain twice the number of names as there are vacancies. If a vacancy in the appointive student membership occurs from causes other than the completion of the appointive term, the president is authorized to make an interim appointment from the most recent panel of names submitted by Michigan Student Assembly, or if the president so requests, from a new panel of names chosen by Michigan Student Assembly.

Sec. 11.64. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports: Organization and Functions (revised July 2008)

The director of recreational sports will serve as chair of the committee. The committee will function as advisor to the director of recreational sports concerning the needs of the university with respect to the development and maintenance of the facilities for and programs in informal drop-in, special interest recreation, club sports, and intramural competition, and the policies applicable to such facilities and programs.