

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 5

DATE:

August 2, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

BYLAW CHANGES – ARTICLE V

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board approve the attached amendment of Article V of the Bylaws of Eastern Michigan University's Board of Regents.

STAFF SUMMARY

The proposed Bylaw amendment would modify Article V by establishing an Athletic Affairs Committee as a standing committee of the Board of Regents. Further, the amendment would formally assign a University officer to each standing committee. The Article V amendment is in accordance with the recommendations made by the Board's Ad Hoc Leadership Committee in its March 5, 2005 Report. On June 21, 2005 the Board received the Committee's Report and placed it on file.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

Date: _____

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

5.01

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1. Educational Policies Committee
2. Faculty Affairs Committee
3. Finance and Audit Committee
4. Student Affairs Committee
5. Athletic Affairs Committee

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After the annual election of officers, the Chairperson of the Board shall appoint Chairpersons of the standing committees and any special committees requested by members of the Board.

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Special committees may be authorized or appointed by the Chairperson of the Board at his or her discretion.

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All members of the Board serve as members of the standing committees. The Chairperson of the Board and the President of the University shall be ex-officio members of all standing committees.

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The Educational Policies Committee shall be charged with the duty of reviewing and evaluating all existing educational programs. It shall also review all educational grants, requests for new programs, requests for new majors and minors, requests for new degrees and personnel appointments prior to action by the Board of Regents. The University officer assigned to the Committee shall be the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

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The Educational Policies Committee also shall be charged with the responsibility of making final recommendations to the Board on honorary degrees.

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further study on a matter is required. The University officer assigned to the Committee shall be the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

5.08 Finance and Audit Committee

The Finance and Audit Committee shall be charged with the duty of meeting with the Internal Auditor to discuss his or her operations and to recommend the adoption or revision of such general policies relating thereto as may be found desirable.

The University officer assigned to the Committee shall be the Vice President for Business and Finance.

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The Finance and Audit Committee shall be charged with the duty of reviewing the financial affairs and the property of the University and reporting its findings thereon to the Board. Further, the Finance and Audit Committee shall review all major proposed contracts prior to their being recommended to the Board for action.

5.10 Student Affairs Committee

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