

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: D
DATE: December 15, 2017

**RECOMMENDATION
TO REVISE REGENTS' BYLAWS SECTIONS 4.01 AND 4.02**

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that Article IV of Regents Bylaws, Sections 4.01 (Chairperson) and 4.02 (Vice-Chairperson) be amended in accordance with the attached document.

STAFF SUMMARY

The attached amendments to the Regents Bylaws

- Update the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson sections by deleting reference to the transitional one year term in 2015, which was necessitated when the two year election cycle for Chair and Vice-Chair moved from even to odd years;
- Include an option for the Board to elect two vice-chairs if, in its discretion, it would be beneficial to the Board to maintain continuity of officers in order to facilitate a smooth and productive transition of leadership.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications associated with these changes.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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


Gloria A. Hage

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ARTICLE IV
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