PROPOSAL: Adoption of Amendment to the Paper Tech Foundation Bylaws

Background

Pursuant to Article III, Section 2.D of its bylaws, the power to adopt the bylaws of entities related to Western Michigan University is reserved to the Board of Trustees. The Western Michigan University Paper Technology Foundation was established in 1958 by the pulp and paper industry to recruit capable young men and women who wish to pursue careers in the industry; to form a partnership with Western Michigan University that provides the necessary resources to educate and train those young people; and to establish a scholarship program to assist students financially during their college years.

On April 18, 2023 and October 18, 2023, the PTF Board of Trustees approved revisions to its bylaws. The bylaws were last revised in November 3, 2022.

The noteworthy modifications to the bylaws include the following:

- **Article 7, Section 10A and B**: Managing Director will be a 1099 appointment with requisites and responsibilities approved by Governance Committee.
- **Article 8, Section 2**: New Standing Committee Structure: Standing Committees will have Chairs and Vice-Chairs with 3-year terms, which are renewable. Committees will consist of smaller “working groups” consisting of Trustees that have a strong interest in the charter for a given committee.
- **Article 8, Section 3**: Executive Committee members and charter.
- **Article 8, Section 4**: Governance Committee members and charter.
- **Article 8, Section 7**: New Alumni Engagement standing committee.
- **Article 11, Section 1**: The PTF Managing Director does not have signature authority but will review and approve documents requiring signature with the PTF Executive Committee. Signing is completed by the Treasurer who is WMU authorized.
- **Article 13, Section 1**: Endowment funding will be consistent with WMU Advancement policies.
- **Article 14**: Awards will be nominated by the Governance Committee and approved by the President.
- **Article 15**: Non-substantive stylistic changes can be made without PTF Board approval.

Recommended Action

The Paper Tech Foundation Board of Trustees recommends the WMU Board of Trustees approve revisions to the Paper Technology Foundation bylaws as provided in the attached document.