

Revise Information in University Council Bylaws regarding the UGA representative on the University System of Georgia Faculty Council

Two Proposals: The University Council Bylaws state that the Chair of the Executive Committee represents UGA on the [University System of Georgia Faculty Council](#) which was formed in 2010 as an advisory body for the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia. The University Council Bylaws currently state the that Chair of the University Council Executive Committee serves as the UGA representative to that Council. This revision highlights the importance of this position by calling for the Executive Committee (1) to elect that representative for a three-year term and (2) for that representative to make regular reports in writing to both the Executive Committee and the University Council.

Rationale: The USG Faculty Council is composed of one representative from every USG institution. The Council meets once each semester with the Board of Regents to discuss USG-wide concerns, and the Council also meets independent of the Board of Regents upon the request of the representatives. The University Council Bylaws currently designate the Chair of the Executive Committee as UGA’s representative to the Council. Redefining UGA’s representative to the USG Faculty Council as an *elected three-year position* and charging the UGA representative not only to attend USG meetings but also to report on those meetings to the University community will provide continuity and the opportunity for UGA leadership on the USG Faculty Council.

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Proposal #1. Revision to the University Council Bylaws, Part I-Standing Committees: Membership, Functions, and Duties; I. University Council Executive Committee. A. Membership. Executive Committee Chair.

Delete from the responsibilities of the Executive Committee Chair.

The Chair of the Executive Committee shall be the immediate past Chair-Elect of the Executive Committee. Each year the Executive Committee shall choose a new Chair-Elect from among the elected faculty members of the Committee who have at least one year of previous service on the Executive Committee (which could be from a previous term) and at least two years remaining on their committee term. The Chair shall serve as Grand Marshal of the University, shall represent the faculty of the University ~~on the University System of Georgia Faculty Council and any other on and~~ external bodies that require representation of Faculty Senate Leaders, and shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and an ex-officio voting trustee of the University of Georgia Foundation. With the advice of the members of the Executive Committee, the Chair shall constitute and charge any ad hoc committees approved by the Council.

Proposal #2. Revision to the University Council Bylaws, Part I-Standing Committees:

Add a new duty after #5 in the current list of Duties of the Executive Committee in the Bylaws, Part I. Standing Committees: Membership, Function, and Duties. University Council Executive Committee. B. Duties.

Duties [of the Executive Committee]

1. To consider and recommend to the University Council educational policies within the powers of the Council under Article V, Section 2 of the Statutes of The University of Georgia.
2. To consider and report to the University Council on any issue affecting the general welfare of the University or that concerns one or more schools or colleges when such issues have been presented to the Executive Committee either by a member of the Council, of the University faculty, or by an elected faculty senate or forum of any one of the schools or colleges, and when such issues fall within the powers of the University Council as defined by Article V, Section 2 of the Statutes of The University of Georgia.
3. To fill unexpired terms on any standing committees of the Council. When filling a committee vacancy formerly occupied by an elected representative of a particular school or college, the Executive Committee shall seek the recommendation of that school or college concerning a suitable replacement.
4. To confirm the members of the Program Review and Assessment Committee in accordance with the University's Program Review Policy.
5. Appoint a faculty representative to the UGA Retiree Association.
6. **To elect a member of the Executive Committee to serve a three-year term on the University System of Georgia Faculty Council who will report on a regular basis to both the Executive Committee and the University Council at their meetings. The representative's term on the USG Faculty Council shall continue even if their term of membership on the Executive Committee expires.**
7. To recommend for the Council's approval such ad hoc committees as it deems necessary.
8. To receive and prepare agenda items for the Council, in any of the following ways:
 - a. Items received from the President will be placed on the agenda.
 - b. Items received from any of the standing or ad hoc committees of the Council, including the Executive Committee, will be placed on the agenda unless the Committee decides, by a two-thirds majority vote, to refer the item back to committee.
 - c. Items received from the faculty of any of the schools or colleges of the University or from the duly constituted representative body of any school or college.
 - d. Items received from the Staff Council.
 - e. Items received from the official governing organization of the student body.
 - f. Items from any person or group not provided for above. The Executive Committee, by majority vote, will refer items received under this section and c, d,

and e, above, to the appropriate standing committee, unless unusual or urgent circumstances merit prompt presentation to the Council.

- g. Items presented to the Committee endorsed by the signatures of fifty or more faculty members will appear on the agenda.
 - h. Items approved by two-thirds vote of the University Council may be placed on the agenda of the Council.
9. To act, in matters of particular urgency, on behalf of the full Council, as authorized under Article V, Section 2 (f) of the Statutes of the University of Georgia. Actions taken in this manner shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting and confirmed or revoked by a majority vote.
 10. To oversee the activities of the Council and to ensure that it implement and observe faithfully the provisions of these bylaws.