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From: Barbara A. Biesecker, Chair of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and
Committees

Date: October 22, 2025

RE: Agenda Items for EC

Please find the document detailing fifteen (15) motions from the committee. The committee requests that all fifteen proposed changes to UGA's University Council Bylaws be forwarded to the University Council for consideration.

FROM: Barbara A. Biesecker, Chair of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees
DATE: 10-22-25
RE: Proposed changes to UGA University Council Bylaws: Membership and Chairs of University Council Standing Committees

The following document presents proposed changes to the University of Georgia's University Council Bylaws. All proposed changes have been vetted and approved by the SBC for consideration by the Executive Committee and University Council. The introduction of the designation "full-time" is warranted by the upcoming incorporation (largely the College of Medicine and College of Nursing) of persons into the Corps of Instruction who will not be full-time employees of the university.

For convenience and clarity, the list of the various classifications and ranks in the Corps of Instruction at UGA (determined by the BOR, available on the UGA Provost's website) is as follows:

Academic Rank: Instructor, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Tenured Associate Professor, Tenured Professor

Academic Professional: Academic Professional Associate, Academic Professional, Senior Academic Professional

Administrative A

Clinical: Clinical Instructor, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Professor

Lecturer: Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Principal Lecturer

Librarian: Librarian I, Librarian II, Librarian III, Librarian IV

Public Service: Public Service Representative, Public Service Assistant, Public Service Associate, Senior Public Service Associate

Research Scientists: Assistant Research Scientist, Associate Research Scientist, Senior Research Scientist

Staff Physician

MOTION 1

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity.

Part I, Eligibility of Faculty for Election to the University Council and Standing Committees

Any **full-time** member of the **Corps of Instruction** faculty is eligible for election to the University Council. Where specified, membership **and/or chairship** on certain committees is restricted by **effort distribution, rank, and/or tenure**. ~~to faculty of academic rank.~~

MOTION 2

Changes in language to add uniformity.

Part III-Standing Committees: Membership, Functions, and Duties

I. University Council Executive Committee

A. ~~Membership~~ Faculty **Membership**: One voting member of the University Council Executive Committee shall be elected from the **members of the Corp of Instruction** ~~faculty~~ of each school or College

MOTION 3

Proposed change to Executive Committee Chair: Limitation to individuals of academic rank with tenure due to possible consideration of personnel matters.

B. 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 academic rank with tenure** 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.

MOTION 4

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity. Elimination of academic rank to include other classifications of the Corps of Instruction in membership.

III. Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics:

A. ~~Membership~~ Faculty **Membership**: Nine voting members shall be on the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. Of these nine members, one shall be the University Council representative to the UGA Athletic Association Board of Directors serving on the Executive Committee of the Board, and one shall be the Faculty Athletics Representative appointed by the President. Seven members shall be elected from and by the elected ~~faculty~~ **Corps of Instruction** members of the University Council and shall serve three-year terms, even if their term of membership on the University Council expires prior to their term of service on this committee.

MOTION 5

Chair opened up to include individuals of the two highest ranks of any classification of faculty. Two highest ranks warranted by the need for institutional memory and familiarity with university policies.

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics Chair: The Chair of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics shall be elected each year from among the **members of the Corp of Instruction in the two highest ranks of any classification** ~~faculty members with academic rank~~ on the Committee. However, the Faculty Athletics Representative appointed by the President is not eligible to serve as Chair.

MOTION 6

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity.

IV. Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees:

A. **Faculty** ~~Membership~~ ~~Faculty~~: Of the five voting members on the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees, four shall be elected from and by the elected ~~faculty~~ **Corps of Instruction** members of the University Council. The fifth member shall be the immediate past Chair of the Executive Committee, and this member shall serve a one-year term. The other members shall serve three-year terms, even if their term of membership on the University Council expires prior to their term of service on this committee.

MOTION 7

Proposed change to Committee on Statutes, Bylaws and Committees Chair: Limitation to individuals of academic rank with tenure warranted by extensive teaching, research, and service experience as well as the need for institutional memory, knowledge, and deep familiarity with university policies.

Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees Chair: The Chair of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees shall be elected each year from among the **individuals of academic rank with tenure** on the Committee.

MOTION 8

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity.

VI. Curriculum Committee

Faculty Membership ~~Faculty~~: One voting member of the Curriculum Committee shall be elected from the **Corps of Instruction** of each School or College, except for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, which shall have two ~~faculty~~ members, one representing the Sciences and the other the Arts and Humanities. ~~Faculty~~ **Individuals** must hold a terminal degree for their discipline. ~~Faculty~~ **Individuals** may be elected from within or outside the University Council and shall serve three-year terms.

MOTION 9

Limitation of Curriculum Committee Chair to individuals of academic rank with tenure warranted by need of extensive teaching experience at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as the need for institutional memory, knowledge and deep familiarity with university policies.

Curriculum Committee Chair: The Chair of the Curriculum Committee shall be elected at the last meeting of each year from among the ~~faculty~~ **individuals of academic rank with tenure** on the Committee by those with voting privileges.

MOTION 10

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity. Change of membership warranted by the need for representation across Corps of Instruction classifications but restricted to two highest ranks and budgeted instruction given need for significant experience in teaching in and beyond the classroom, graduate and undergraduate instruction, and familiarity with education policy at UGA.

II. Educational Affairs Committee

A. **Faculty** Membership ~~Faculty~~: ~~Faculty~~ **Individuals** shall serve three-year terms, even if their term of office on the University Council expires prior to their term of service on this committee. ~~The~~ thirteen voting members shall be **University Council members**, elected from **the two highest ranks in any given classification of the Corps of Instruction, and budgeted for 20% or more in instruction** ~~with academic rank on the University Council~~. The distribution of representation among the schools and colleges shall be reexamined every three years, taking into consideration the proportion of undergraduate enrollment. Currently, the representation shall be as follows:

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences - 2 members

Terry College of Business - 2 members

College of Education - 1 member
 College of Family and Consumer Sciences - 1 member
 Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication - 1 member
 School of Public and International Affairs - 1 member
 College of Engineering - 1 member
 College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - 1 member
 Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and Odum School of Ecology - 1 member
 College of Environment and Design, College of Public Health, and School of Social Work - 1 member
 College of Pharmacy, College of Veterinary Medicine, School of Law,
 and School of Medicine - 1 member

MOTION 11

Addition of language for substitute exception proposed by EAC and unanimously approved by SBC.

Educational Affairs Committee

Substitutes: When necessary, members of the Educational Affairs Committee may be represented by substitutes. The member must notify the chair before a meeting if they are sending a substitute. No person can represent more than one member at a meeting. Substitutes for the Educational Affairs Committee must be a member of the same group (faculty, student, or administrator) and be a member of the same school or college as the member for whom they are substituting.

MOTION 12

Deletion due to discontinuance proposed by EAC and unanimously approved by SBC
Educational Affairs Committee.

B. Duties

~~4. To hear from the Division of Academic Enhancement Student Issues Committee.~~

Motion 13

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity. Change to membership warranted by desirability of representation across classifications in the Corps of Instruction. Chair position remains limited to academic rank with tenure due to need for institutional memory, knowledge, and deep familiarity with university policies (must be specified given the change to membership).

X. Faculty Grievance Committee

A. Faculty **membership** ~~with academic rank~~: The seven voting members on the Faculty Grievance Committee shall be elected by the elected **faculty Corps of Instruction** members of the University Council. **Five of the seven voting members shall be individuals of academic rank with tenure. Two of the seven voting members shall be full-time members of the two highest ranks in any given classification of faculty the Corps of Instruction other than academic rank.** No more than two members shall be from any one School or College. **Faculty Individuals** may be elected from within or outside the University Council and shall serve three-year terms.

Faculty Grievance Committee Chair: The Chair of the Faculty Grievance Committee shall be elected each year from among the members **of academic rank with tenure** on the Committee.

Motion 14

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity. Change to membership warranted by adoption of additional classifications in non-academic ranks of the Corps of Instruction as well as the addition of School of Medicine.

XV. Program Review and Assessment

Faculty Membership: The Program Review and Assessment Committee will consist of 36 UGA **senior faculty individuals in the two highest ranks of any classification of faculty** confirmed by the University Council Executive Committee to serve two-year terms running from August 1 through July 31. The composition of the committee should be proportional to the number of degree programs, review units, and senior faculty in each school or college. The following distribution of faculty on the Program Review and Assessment Committee takes these values into account:

#Faculty on PRAC	School, College, Administrative Division
4	College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
10	Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
3	Mary Frances Early College of Education
2	Terry College of Business
2	College of Veterinary Medicine
2	College of Family and Consumer Sciences
1	College of Public Health
1	School of Public and International Affairs
1	Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication
1	School of Social Work
1	College of Engineering

1	College of Pharmacy
1	School of Law
1	Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
1	College of Environment and Design
2	Public Service Faculty
1	Odum School of Ecology
1	Affiliate of a Center or Institute (may be from any College or School or fully funded thr Institute)
1	School of Medicine

All members of the Program Review and Assessment Committee should be members of the two highest ranks in any given classification of faculty. At least 18 members should be on the Graduate Faculty. The members should be appointed in such a way that 18 rotate off each year. Members are not required also to be members of the University Council. No members should be appointed for more than two consecutive terms without first rotating off the committee for a two-year term.

MOTION 15

Changes in language to add clarity and uniformity. Change of membership warranted by the need for representation across all classifications of faculty in the Corps of Instruction but limited to members of the two highest ranks due to need for institutional memory, knowledge, and familiarity with the university history and culture. No formal changes to chair, although the post will be restricted, like membership, to the two highest ranks of those persons with academic rank.

XVI. Strategic Planning Committee

Faculty Membership ~~Faculty~~: Seven voting members of the Strategic Planning Committee shall be elected by the elected ~~faculty~~ **Corps of Instruction** members of the University Council. No more than two members shall be from any one School or College. **Corp of Instruction** members **shall be members of the two highest ranks in any given classification, they** may be elected from within or outside the University Council, and **they** shall serve three-year terms.

Chair: The Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with academic rank on the committee.