

## **Proposal to revise the Name and Duties of the Committee on Student Life**

### **RATIONALE**

During Academic Year 2018-2019, the Committee on Student Life noted that it rarely receives agenda items from students. In response, the Council entertained disbanding the committee, but decided instead that it might be given a broader purpose. The current proposal captures the Council's intent in two ways. First, it renames the Committee the Committee on Student Experience. Second, it specifies duties that focus the Committee on the entirety of the student experience (e.g., academic, social, personal), rather than student life alone. In this sense, it gives students an outlet for concerns that lie outside the purview of any other committee under the University Council. It also empowers its members to investigate any issues and advocate for policy initiatives that might affect the student experience (broadly conceived) at the University of Georgia.

What follows are (a) the revised bylaws (significant changes noted in **blue**), and (b) the existing bylaws.

## PROPOSED NEW BYLAWS

### Committee on Student Experience

#### A. Membership

**Faculty:** **Six** voting members of the Committee on Student Experience shall be elected from and by the elected faculty members of the University Council. Among these six members, at least one and not more than two, must come from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, and no more than one may come from any other School or College. Faculty members of any rank may serve as elected members of the Committee; once elected these faculty members shall serve a full three-year term, even if their term of membership on the University Council expires prior to their term of service on this Committee.

**Students:** **Three** students, at least one of whom must be a graduate/professional student, shall be elected from and by the student members of the University Council. These students shall serve a one-year term as voting members.

**Staff:** Two staff members shall be elected by the Staff Council to serve three-year terms as voting members.

**Administration:** The Vice President for Student Affairs shall serve as an ex-officio voting member.

**Committee on Student Experience Chair:** The Chair of the Committee on Student Experience shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with academic rank on the Committee.

#### B. Duties

1. **To advocate for and work toward improvement of the student experience, broadly conceived.**
2. To recommend to the Council rules and regulations affecting student life, activities, and behavior.
3. To investigate and report on any student issue that the Council may wish the Committee to consider or that the Committee itself believes worthy of consideration.
4. To build awareness of and advocate for student concerns, including in an advisory capacity to the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association.
5. **To advise the Office of Instruction** and the Division of Students Affairs, especially on long-range planning.
6. To advise on non-academic student petitions, as needed.

## EXISTING BYLAWS

### Committee on Student Life

#### A. Membership

**Faculty:** Nine voting members of the Committee on Student Life shall be elected from and by the elected faculty members of the University Council. Among these nine members, at least one and not more than two, must come from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and no more than one may come from any other School or College. Faculty 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.

**Students:** Six students, at least one of whom must be a graduate/professional student, shall be elected from and by the student members of the University Council. These students shall serve a one-year term as voting members.

**Staff:** Two staff members, elected by the Staff Council, shall serve three-year terms as voting members.

**Administration:** The Vice President for Student Affairs shall serve as a voting member.

**Committee on Student Life Chair:** The Chair of the Committee on Student Life shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with academic rank on the Committee.

#### B. Duties

1. To recommend to the Council rules and regulations affecting student life, activities, and behavior.
2. To investigate and report on any student issue which the Council may wish the Committee to consider or which the Committee itself believes worthy of consideration.
3. To have members provide advice, as needed, to the Student Affairs Departments on non-academic student petitions.
4. To advise the Division of Students Affairs, especially on long-range planning, and advocate on behalf of the Division.