

Report of the University Council Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees
February 12, 2025

Since my last report, the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees met twice. On December 9 the SBC considered a request by the Staff Council to add Staff representation to the SBC. That request was unanimously declined. The committee also reviewed and approved a set of proposed changes to Part I, III Election and Appointment Procedures, sections D and E of the Bylaws. The proposed changes, to be considered by the EC at its next meeting, will reduce Administrative A faculty representation on University Council such that it will approximate the representation afforded to all other ranks of faculty in the corps of instruction.

On January 15 the committee began its review and discussion of the School of Medicine's proposed changes to the University Council's Statutes and Bylaws (received January 10). Because the SOM's requests potentially affect other proposed revisions to the University Council Bylaws before the SBC as well as other units across the university and the standing committees themselves, the committee unanimously settled on a process for addressing the SOM's proposed revisions.

On January 20th, I sent to all members of the SBC proposed changes to two Statutes (VIII and IX) that repair a set of inconsistencies between USG policy on "faculty" and UGA's governing documents. Those proposed changes were approved unanimously and have been forwarded for consideration by the EC.

The SBC will meet in February 17, face to face and with all documents, to consider in detail the proposed changes to the bylaws, with careful attention paid to entailments of change in membership for each standing committee. The SBC (or representatives thereof) may request a meeting with standing committees (or their representatives) to consider (accept, reject, revise) proposed changes by SOM to membership, and conduct those meetings in as timely a fashion as possible. The SBC and any standing committee representatives will meet with the representatives of the School of Medicine to discuss its proposed revisions and the committees' position(s) on them. And, finally, a joint proposal of any revisions to the bylaws approved/voted on by the standing committee involved and the SBC. If passed by both committees and with the endorsement of the SOM, the proposal will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for its review.

That concludes my report.

Respectfully,

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