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

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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 approved unanimously by the SBC and approved by the Executive Committee for placement on the UC agenda. The introduction of the designation "full-time" is warranted by the upcoming incorporation (largely the School of Medicine and School of Nursing) of employees 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 Corps of Instruction** faculty of each school or College . . . .

### MOTION 3

**Proposed change to Executive Committee Chair: Restriction to individuals of academic rank with tenure due to constraint of personnel matters and the protection of tenure.**

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

**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 6

**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, deep familiarity with university policies, and the protection of tenure.**

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 7****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 8**

**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 9**

**Addition of language for the 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 10**

**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.**