

University of Georgia University Council  
Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees

Report to Council  
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The Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees has been conducting its business for the 2010–11 academic year through the magic of email and the reply-all button. This has facilitated both busy schedules and our need to work mostly with careful wordings.

On September 7, 2010, the committee reached a consensus to elect Adrian Childs to serve as chair for the 2010–11 academic year. Outgoing chair Bruce Hollett was warmly thanked for his service.

During the late fall and early spring, the committee worked through several issues relating to the University Council Bylaws and the Statutes of the University of Georgia. These included a proposal from the UGA Postdoctoral Association, seeking representation on the Council, which was referred to our committee by the Executive Committee; a consideration of the need for the Executive Committee to act in matters of urgency on behalf of the Council, something permitted by the Statutes but not codified in the Bylaws; a request to spell out more precisely the duties of the Chair of the Executive Committee, including designation as UGA's representative to the newly-recognized University System of Georgia Faculty Council; and the annual review of the Statutes and Bylaws for inconsistencies with current practice or each other.

On February 21, 2011, the committee reached a consensus on language for proposed amendments to the Statutes and Bylaws to address these issues. These were forwarded to the Executive Committee for placement on the Council's agenda.

Subsequent to the work on amendments, the committee has also discussed two issues relating to the operation of the Executive Committee. A consensus on those issues was reached on March 23, 2011, and appropriate policy language was forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration.

The committee is also continuing to investigate the problem created when terms of service on standing committees was changed from two years to three years. Most standing committees now have very unequal membership rotations. We hope to have a solution to this issue ready for consideration in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrian P. Childs, Chair