

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

The Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees has unanimously approved the attached proposed amendments to the University Council Bylaws and the Statutes of the University of Georgia. These amendments address the following issues:

- The Committee received a request from the Office of the Registrar in regard to a change of the wording in the description of the procedure to schedule the regular meetings of the University Council.
- The Bylaws of the University of Georgia suggest that the University Council will meet at least three times each semester of the regular academic year. An amendment is proposed to provide a mechanism by which the regular meetings will be scheduled by the presiding officer setting the time and place of meetings.
- To avoid discrepancy between the Bylaws and the Statutes, pertaining to the regular meeting of the University Council, amendments to the Statutes are proposed to bring them into alignment with the Bylaws.
- The Committee on Student Affairs forwarded to this Committee the request of a name change for the Committee on Student Affairs. Their rationale for a name change arises from the fact that the duties of the Committee may extend to any student issue beyond those of the Division of Student Affairs. In recent years, topics for consideration by the Committee have often included areas, such as college policies and practices, and campus security, for which responsibility falls outside the formal control of the Division of Student Affairs. That the Division and the Committee currently share the same name conflates a wide range of issues impacting students across campus with those more specifically under the supervision of the Division. In their view, at times, this presents unnecessary confusion and misplaced expectations. An amendment is proposed to change the name and clarify the duties of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Committee on Statutes, Bylaws and Committees

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

Amendment #1

Part V, General Procedures; Section IV. Meetings

A. Regular meetings:

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Rationale: Reflects current practice for regular meetings. The presiding officer will schedule the meetings and if there is no business to conduct, then the meeting is cancelled. As it stands now, there is no justification for cancelling a meeting of the council. Clear up the practice of scheduling meetings.

Amendment #2

Part I. Standing Committees: Membership, Functions, and Duties

Section V. Committee on Student Affairs

Name Change: Committee on Student Life

Rationale: As noted in the bylaws, the duties of the Committee may extend to any student issue. In recent years, topics for consideration by the Committee have often included areas, such as academic advising, school and college policies and practices, auxiliaries, and campus security, for which responsibility falls outside the formal control of the Division of Student Affairs. That the Division and the Committee currently share the same name, we feel, conflates a wide range of issues impacting students across campus with those more specifically under the supervision of the Division. In our view, at times, this presents unnecessary confusion and misplaced expectations.

Proposed Amendment to the Statutes

Amendment A

Article V: The University Council

Section 10: Regular meetings

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Rationale: Brings Statutes into alignment with previous change to the Bylaws.