

Graduate Student Association

Spring 2015

Re: Proposal for amendment the University Council By-Laws

Explanation: The attached proposal to amend the Part V, Section III, Subsection F of the University Council By-Laws to allocate specific University Council seats for graduate and undergraduate students.

Rationale: In an effort to enhance the collective voice of graduate and professional students at the University of Georgia, this would guarantee that at least one graduate or professional student would serve on the University Council from each school or college with graduate students, professional students or both. As currently written, the University Council By-Laws found in V, III, F allocate one student seat per school or college, except the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences with six seats and the Graduate School with two seats. Although not designating any seats as either graduate, undergraduate, or professional, the historical allocation of student seats on University Council has consisted of two graduate students from the Graduate School, one professional student from the College of Pharmacy, College of Veterinary Medicine, and School of law, and one graduate or professional student through the President of the Graduate Student Association, with all remaining student seats going to undergraduate students. This proposed amendment merely codifies the existing situation for undergraduate seats, while creating new seats specifically for graduate students.

Proposal for amendment to the University Council Bylaws

Amendment

Part V, Section III, Subsection F

Current:

Students shall be elected to the University Council, apportioned as follows: one from each of the schools and colleges, except for Arts and Sciences (which shall have six) and the Graduate School (which shall have two). Students elected by the schools/colleges may be graduate or undergraduate status with the exception of Graduate School representatives who must be graduate status.

Students shall be elected to the University Council, apportioned as follows: one graduate and one undergraduate student from each of the schools and colleges, except for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, which shall have six undergraduate and one graduate seats, and the Graduate School, College of Veterinary Medicine, and School of Law, which will each have one student representative.

Current/Traditional Allocation of Student Seats

SCHOOL/COLLEGE or POSITION	Undergraduate	Grad/Prof
Student Government Association	2	0
Graduate Student Association	0	1
Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	1	0
Arts & Sciences	6	0
Business	1	0
Ecology	1	0
Education	1	0
Engineering	1	0
Environment and Design	1	0
Family & Consumer Sciences	1	0
Forestry & Natural Resources	1	0
Graduate School	0	2
Journalism & Mass Communication	1	0
Law School	0	1
Pharmacy	0	1
Public Health	1	0
Public & International Affairs	1	0
Social Work	1	0
Veterinary Medicine	0	1
Total	20	6

Proposed Allocation of Student Seats

SCHOOL/COLLEGE or POSITION	Undergraduate	Grad/Prof
Student Government Association	2	0
Graduate Student Association President	0	1
Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	1	1
Arts & Sciences	6	1
Business	1	1
Ecology	1	1
Education	1	1
Engineering	1	1
Environment and Design	1	1
Family & Consumer Sciences	1	1
Forestry & Natural Resources	1	1
Graduate School	0	1
Journalism & Mass Communication	1	1
Law School	0	1
Pharmacy	1	1
Public Health	1	1
Public & International Affairs	1	1
Social Work	1	1
Veterinary Medicine	0	1
Total	21	18