

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

The Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees met on September 21 of the current year and 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 Faculty Grievance Committee with regards to a revision and change of the wording in the description of the procedure and jurisdiction of the Committee.
- The revisions have two overarching goals. First, to harmonize the Committee's description in the University Council Bylaws with the procedures followed by the Committee; and second, to update the procedures themselves to bring them into line with Board of Regents policies and actual Committee practice.
- An amendment is proposed to provide a mechanism by which the changes requested by the Faculty Grievance Committee will take place.
- To avoid discrepancy between the Bylaws and the Statutes pertaining to the regular meeting of the Faculty Grievance Committee, amendments to the Statutes are proposed to bring them into alignment with the Bylaws.
- We also received a request from the University Research Foundation in regards to a proposed resolution that would amend the procedure for establishing the three members of the UGARF board of directors. At the present time, the University Council appoints three individuals to the UGARF board that are members of the Council.
- Their rationale is that when UGARF passed its resolution back in of April of 1988 it granted the authority to the Council to appoint these three UGARF board members. The explicit intent was that "any faculty member (not just Council members)" would be eligible for the University Council-UGARF seats.
- Presently, the University Council's Bylaws state both that the election be conducted in compliance with UGARF's rules and that the faculty to be elected "must be members of the University Council at the time of their election." This places an additional restriction on the election to UGARF's board that the faculty selected must be members of the University Council at the time of their election.
- At this time, the Council and UGARF both desire to eliminate the conflict between the current UGARF Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Council's Bylaws.
- The Committee on Statute, Bylaws, and Committees approves the following proposed amendment:

"The Council shall elect faculty members to the Board of Directors of The University of Georgia Research Foundation in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the UGARF."

Respectfully submitted,

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