

Report for Presentation to Faculty Council on
January 14, 2000
Committee on University Government

Current Members: Janet Mason, chair; William I. Burke; Elizabeth Gibson; Jean Goepfinger; James L. Peacock III; Douglas G. Kelly; Thomas Warburton, Jr.; Joseph S. Ferrell (ex officio).

Members leaving the committee this year: Jack Sasson.

Annual Report prepared by: Janet Mason, chair. This report covers the period from December, 1998, through December, 1999.

Committee charge. Section 4-19 of the *Faculty Code of University Government* reads as follows:

§ 4-19. Faculty Committee on University Government. (a) The committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the chancellor, serving for staggered and renewable terms of three years each. The secretary of the faculty will serve as an ex officio member.

(b) The Committee shall be especially concerned with the continuing development, adaptation, and interpretation of the *Faculty Code of University Government*. Subject to the powers of the University's Board of Governors and president, and of the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the *Code* represents legislation enacted by the faculty regarding forms of internal organization and procedures at this institution which are deemed necessary for its fair and effective operation.

(c) The Committee should periodically review the existing *Code* and solicit suggestions for its improvement, and should recommend appropriate amendments in the *Code* for consideration and vote of the General Faculty. As provided under Article I of the *Code*, it should consider and report on other proposals to amend the *Code* and shall also periodically make appropriate adjustments of the elective representatives in the Faculty Council. The Committee may also consider and report on special questions of University governance which may be referred to it by the Chancellor or members of the faculty. The Committee shall be especially concerned with maintaining internal forms and procedures of academic administration which reflect principles of democracy and equity, vision and adaptability, and quality and responsibility, toward achieving the intellectual aims of the University.

Report of activities.

Resolutions Presented and Adopted. The committee completed its work related to the following resolutions, which were presented to and adopted by the General Faculty at meetings in December, 1998, and January, 1999. The first four resolutions involved amendments to the *Faculty Code of University Government*.

- Resolution 98-18. Establishing the University Committee on Copyright.
- Resolution 98-19. Establishing the Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee.
- Resolution 98-20. Making changes relating to nominations, elections, and filling vacancies.
- Resolution 98-21. Establishing the Division of the School of Information and Library Science for purposes of Faculty Council elections. (The resolution was amended to delete a proposal that the Division of Humanities and the Division of Fine Arts be consolidated for purposes of Faculty Council elections.)
- Resolution 98-22. Repealing Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Faculty Council, which dealt with selection of alternates in Faculty Council elections.

Adjustment of Apportionment Factor. As required by § 2-2(g) of the *Faculty Code of University Government*, the committee adjusted the apportionment factor, effective for Faculty Council elections in the year 2000, from thirty-five to thirty-seven and notified the Chair of the Faculty of that action.

Pending Resolutions. The committee has drafted and will present to the General Faculty resolutions to amend the *Faculty Code of University Government* to

1. abolish the Committee on Established Lectures, as recommended by that committee and endorsed by the Faculty Council in Resolution 99-6;
2. make possible the election of the Chair of the Faculty in the fall semester, by removing the stipulation that the election is to be held in the spring semester;
3. change various provisions relating to the Nominating Committee; and
4. move from strict representation by rank on the Faculty Council to proportional representation for two categories—(1) faculty holding permanent tenure and (2) probationary-term and fixed-term faculty.

Other. The committee discussed whether the *Code* should be amended to change the method of nomination and election of members of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council and concluded that no change is needed.

Janet Mason (2000), Chair
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