

Annual Report of the
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT
For Presentation to the Faculty Council on
January 19, 2007

Current Members:

James C. Drennan, School of Government (2009)
Joseph S. Ferrell, Secretary of the Faculty (ex officio)
Elizabeth Gibson, School of Law (2009)
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Michael Lienesch, Political Science (2008), chair
Mary Lynn, School of Nursing (2008)
Melissa Saunders, School of Law (2009)
Vincas Steponaitis, Anthropology (2007)

Members leaving the committee this year: Janet Mason, School of Government (2006),
William Smith, Mathematics (2007, resigned)

Meeting Dates: January 12, 2006; February 22, 2006; March 6, 2006

Annual Report prepared by: Michael Lienesch, chair. This report covers the period
from January 2006 through December 2006.

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

- 4-19. Faculty Committee on University Government.** (a) The Faculty Committee on University Government consists of seven members appointed by the chancellor. The secretary of the faculty serves as an ex officio member.
- (b) The committee is 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 periodically reviews the existing *Code* and solicits suggestions for its improvement; based on its review the committee recommends appropriate amendments in the *Code* for consideration and vote of the General Faculty. As provided under Article I of the *Code*, the committee considers and reports on other proposals to amend the *Code* and also periodically makes appropriate adjustments of the elective representatives in the Faculty Council. The committee considers and reports on special questions of University governance which are referred to it by the chancellor or members of the faculty. The committee is 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 presented the following resolutions, which were approved by the General Faculty on the dates indicated:

Resolution 2006-1. **Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* as it Relates to the Membership of the University Committee on Copyright** (approved on first reading on January 20, 2006, and adopted on second reading on February 17, 2006).

Resolutions Presented. The committee presents today the following resolution:

Resolution 2007-1. **Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* as it Relates to The Schools and Colleges; The General College; The College of Arts and Sciences; The Graduate School; The Summer School; Records, Registration, and Undergraduate Admissions; Administrative Board of Student Affairs; and Administrative Board of the Library.**

Appendix 1

Report of the Committee on University Government on Resolution 2007-1.

The Faculty Code of University Government was originally adopted in 1947, and has been frequently amended since that time, including a complete editorial revision in 1997. Because many inconsistencies have remained, and because faculty governance practices have continued to change, faculty chair Sue Estroff asked the Committee on University Government in 2002 to carry out a comprehensive review of the *Code*, with the intention of proposing amendments that promote consistency among provisions and bring the *Code* into conformity with current faculty governance practices. In several previous resolutions, beginning with Resolution 2003-11, the Council has amended Articles 1-5 of the *Code* dealing with the General Faculty; the Faculty Council; Officers of the Faculty; Committees; and Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure of Members of the Faculty. Resolution 2007-1 completes the review process by proposing revisions to Articles 6-13 of the *Code*.

In proposing these revisions, the committee has followed its charge of promoting consistency and bringing the *Code* into conformity with present practices. It is not our intention to introduce significant policy changes. Instead we see these revisions as clarifying and updating the *Code*, with the purpose of maintaining the strong role of faculty governance in the university.

Attached to this report are three documents: (1) a markup copy of Articles 6-12, showing changes to the present *Code*; (2) a commentary on the revisions, briefly summarizing the proposed changes; and (3) an engrossed copy, presenting the *Code* as it would read as revised.

Respectfully submitted,
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