

**Annual Report of the
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT
For Presentation at the Faculty Council Meeting of
February 24, 2017**

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Committee Charge. 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 1 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 one resolution at the Faculty Council meeting of April 15, 2016, which was adopted without dissent:

- * Resolution 2016-9. On Rules of Procedure of the General Faculty and Faculty Council

Section 1. The Rules of Procedure of the General Faculty and the Rules of Procedure of the Faculty Council, as codified in Appendices A and B of the 2015 edition of the Faculty Code of University Government are repealed and are replaced by the following:

JOINT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL FACULTY AND FACULTY COUNCIL

1. The meetings of the General Faculty and Faculty Council are open to all members of the University community, who may enter into the discussions upon recognition by the chair.
2. All or a portion of a meeting may be declared closed to all but members of the General Faculty, as defined in § 1-1 of the Faculty Code of University Government, pursuant to the provisions of the North Carolina Open Meetings Law [N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 143-318.9 et seq.].
3. The agenda for each meeting is prepared by the secretary of the faculty in consultation with the Agenda Committee and distributed by the secretary in advance to all members of the General Faculty.
4. The text of any resolution exercising the legislative powers of the faculty or expressing the sense of the faculty on any matter of concern is presented in writing to the secretary at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting at which it is to be considered.
5. Every amendment to any resolution is reduced to writing, if the chair or any two members so request.
6. Final action may not be taken on any resolution without due notice. Due notice consists of either (i) introduction and discussion of the proposal at the preceding meeting or (ii) distribution of the text of the proposal in connection with the agenda for the meeting at which action is to be taken.
7. The annual reports to the Council of the standing committees of the faculty are presented in writing and orally at such times during the academic year as determined by the Agenda Committee. Each report covers the work of the previous twelve months, with recommendations.
8. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised govern the General Faculty and Council in all cases to which they are applicable, except as otherwise provided in the Faculty Code of University Government,

the Joint Rules of Procedure of the General Faculty and Faculty Council, or any special rule of order duly adopted.

9. Any of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 2. These rules are effective upon adoption.

As a result of this resolution, The Faculty Code of University Government 2016 prints The Joint Rules at the end of the code on page 28 and eliminates entirely Appendices A & B of previous printings.

Apportionment Factors in Faculty Council Election. Each year, in advance of the faculty elections and with the approval of the Committee on University Government, the secretary of the faculty reapportions the seats on Faculty Council according to the provisions in § 2-2(d) and § 2-2(g) of the Faculty Code. For the 2017 election, the apportionment factors (i.e., the number of voting faculty per seat on the Council) are 67 for the School of Medicine and 47 for the other electoral divisions. The first factor is higher because of § 2-2(d) in the Code, which states that “no college or school is represented by more than one-third of the elected members.”

Other Matters.

An effort to generate a complete and accurate roster of Voting Faculty from the HR electronic data base showed a misalignment in a few instances between the categories used by HR and those of faculty governance. This occasioned a careful examination of the definition of Voting Faculty in the Code as well as a comparison with definitions of faculty used at other universities. After much discussion, the committee decided that the language of the Code is currently suitable and requires no change. All committee members agreed that the Code allows that all Deans of Schools are members of the voting faculty, regardless of their status as tenured or fixed-term faculty and regardless of the category into which HR places them.

As a result of discussions with Steve Matson, Dean of the Graduate School, Appendix C on the “Status of Graduate Students Involved in Instructional and Research Programs” was eliminated from the 2016 printing of the Code. Appendix C was never a part of the Code. It was the text of a Faculty Council resolution adopted in 1969 to regularize the appointments and rights of graduate students who teach for the University. Appendix C has been entirely superseded by University and Graduate School policies and procedures that have developed over the past four decades. The Graduate School continues in conversation with the Committee to be certain that all of the provisions of the 1969 resolution are explicit in current Graduate School policy posted on the web.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on University Government

