

**Annual Report of the
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT
For Presentation at the Faculty Council Meeting of
February 9, 2018**

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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.*Resolution For Presentation in 2018.*

The committee will present a minor amendment to the Faculty Code at the Faculty Council meeting of February 9, 2018. For the text of the resolution and its rationale, see the Appendix to this report.

Apportionment Factors in Faculty Council Elections.

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 2018 election, the apportionment factors (i.e., the number of voting faculty per seat on the Council) are 70 for the School of Medicine and 44 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.

The Committee continues to work on reconciling the categories used in the HR electronic data base and those meaningful to faculty governance.

A faculty member requested the Committee on University Government to recommend actions that might mitigate the General Assembly’s encroaching on academic matters usually in the purview of the faculty and governing boards. After lengthy discussion, members of COUG unanimously agreed that what the faculty member sought is not within the committee’s jurisdiction. *The Faculty Code of University Government* is a document of procedures and not principles and contains no statement on academic freedom. However, the *Code* does stipulate two ways that a faculty member can bring a matter of import before the faculty—by resolution to the entire Faculty Council or by appealing to the Faculty Executive Committee. The committee conveyed these options to the faculty member.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on University Government

APPENDIX

Resolution 2018-1. On Amending the Faculty Code of University Government to Allow for Technical Corrections.

The General Faculty enacts that:

Section 1. The Faculty Code of University Government is amended by renumbering § 1-8 as § 1-9, and adding the following section:

§ 1-8 Technical Corrections.

The Committee on University Government may correct the language of this Code to update the names of units and the titles of officers to reflect changes made by the University. The Committee shall report such corrections to the Secretary of the Faculty and by him or her to the General Faculty.

Rationale: As the University develops and changes, names of programs and offices change. For example, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications is now The School of Media and Journalism. This proposed amendment allows the Committee on University Government to update names only. Without this amendment, to change a name specified in the Code requires an amendment to the Code approved by the General Faculty as specified in §1-7.