

**Annual Report of the  
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT  
For Presentation at the Faculty Council Meeting of  
February 8, 2019**

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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.**

Over the past year our committee focused its work on three areas: (1) the composition and charge of the Administrative Board of the Library, (2) the composition of the Committee on Fixed-Term Faculty, and (3) the procedures for conducting votes on resolutions of the General Faculty. The Committee on University Government consulted closely with the chairs of the relevant committees and the University Librarian, conducted research on the history of the *Code* and faculty voting procedures at peer institutions, and met regularly for discussion.

As a result of this work, the committee will present three resolutions to amend the *Faculty Code* at the General Faculty meeting of February 8, 2019. They are titled as follows:

**Resolution 2019-3. On Amending the Faculty Code of University Government to Change the Composition of the Committee on Fixed-Term Faculty.**

**Resolution 2019-4. On Amending the Faculty Code of University Government to Change the Composition and Charge of the Administrative Board of the Library.**

**Resolution 2019-5. On Amending the Faculty Code of University Government to Change the Procedure for Passing Resolutions of the General Faculty.**

The full resolutions and their justifications are appended to this report. The committee strongly recommends that all three resolution be passed by the General Faculty.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on University Government

**Resolution 2019-3. On Amending the *Faculty Code of University Government* to Change the Composition of the Committee on Fixed-Term Faculty.**

The General Faculty enacts:

*Section 1.* Section 4-14 of the *Faculty Code of University Government* is amended as follows.

**“§ 4-14. Committee on Fixed-Term Faculty**

“(a) The Committee on Fixed-Term Faculty consists of ~~six~~ nine members of the voting faculty appointed by the chair of the faculty. ~~Four~~ Seven of the members are fixed-term, and two are ~~tenure-track~~ tenured.”

*Section 2.* In filling the seats created by this action, only for terms beginning in 2019, the chair of the faculty shall appoint one member to a three-year term, one member to a two-year term, and one member to a one-year term.

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*Justification*

Section 1 of this resolution would enlarge the Committee on Fixed-Term Faculty Committee in order to reflect the growth of fixed-term faculty at UNC-CH, and would ensure that the perspectives of tenured faculty are included.

Section 2 of this resolution staggers the terms of the members who fill the three new seats created in Section 1. It applies only to the initial appointments made in 2019. All subsequent appointments would be for the normal three-year terms.

The Committee on University Government recommends that this resolution be passed.

**Resolution 2019-4. On Amending the *Faculty Code of University Government* to Change the Composition and Charge of the Administrative Board of the Library.**

The General Faculty enacts:

Sections 12-1 and 12-3 of the *Faculty Code of University Government* are amended as follows.

**“§ 12-1. Administrative Board of the Library; composition**

“(a) There is an Administrative Board of the Library composed of ~~fourteen~~ fifteen members. Seven members are elected by and from the following electoral divisions:

- 1) The Divisions of the Humanities and Fine Arts of the College of Arts and Sciences—two members.
- 2) The Division of the Social Sciences of the College of Arts and Sciences—two members.
- 3) The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics of the College of Arts and Sciences—two members.
- 4) The ~~Academic Affairs~~ University Libraries—one member.

“(b) The chair of the faculty appoints ~~six~~ seven members of the Administrative Board of the Library, as follows:

- 1) One member from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Kenan-Flagler Business School, the School of Education, the School of Law, the School of Information and Library Science, the School of Social Work, and the School of Government.
- 2) ~~One~~ Two members ~~s~~ from the Division of Health Affairs.
- 3) Two members from the faculty at large.
- 4) One undergraduate student, on recommendation of the president of the student body.
- 5) One graduate student, on recommendation of the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

“(c) The University librarian is a member ex officio.”

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### “§ 12-3. Administrative Board of the Library; duties

“Subject to the power of the General Faculty and the Faculty Council, the Administrative Board:

- 1) Advises the University librarian on the administration of the University library system, the general policies governing library collections, and budget;
- ~~2) Formulates, together with the University librarian, the general policies governing the acquisition of, access to, and use of library collections;~~
- ~~3) Reviews the University librarians budget request; and~~
- 2) Advocates for the University Libraries; and
- ~~4) Makes an annual report to the Faculty Council.”~~

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*Justification*

Over a decade ago, the campus eliminated a system of separate provosts for Academic Affairs and for Health Affairs, and gradually the naming and reporting structures for the libraries have shifted to reflect this more integrated structure. Proposed changes to the Composition of the Administrative Board of the Library would acknowledge the integration of the Health Sciences Library into the renamed University Libraries and would increase representation of Health Sciences faculty on the Administrative Board of the Library (ABL). The Duties section of the ABL would be reframed to reflect several changes in campus and library administration. As library collection management has become more complex due to publishing industry concentration and shifts in print and online publications and pricing, the need for nimble and strategic collection oversight does not match existing language in the ABL charge. In addition, increasingly sophisticated library services continue to develop to support for complex information technologies and research techniques that were not anticipated in the existing ABL charge. The original text regarding the “budget request” review is also anachronistic insofar as the campus has changed and is continuing to change the process for budgeting. The proposed new language updates the charge to secure faculty advice to the University librarian in terms of not only collections but also overall administration and budget. The articulation of the advocacy role reflects the longstanding and important voice of the ABL in securing and preserving support for University Libraries collections and services that are important to the faculty.

The Committee on University Government recommends that this resolution be passed.

**Resolution 2019-5. On Amending the *Faculty Code of University Government* to Change the Procedure for Passing Resolutions of the General Faculty.**

The General Faculty enacts:

Section 1-7 of the *Faculty Code of University Government* is amended as follows.

“§ 1-7. **Resolutions and Code amendments.**

~~“(a) Proposals to amend this Code must be passed on two separate readings at different meetings. All resolutions of the General Faculty, including proposals to amend this Code, must be passed on two separate readings. The first reading must be passed by either the Faculty Council or the General Faculty in a meeting called under the provisions of § 1-3. The second reading must be passed by electronic ballot sent to all voting faculty as defined in § 1-4.~~

~~“(b) If a proposal has not been previously considered by the Committee on University Government before passing its first reading, it is referred to that Committee before being considered on second reading. Proposals to amend this Code must be considered by the Committee on University Government before being brought to the initial vote according to the procedure in § 1-7(a). The Committee considers the proposal and reports its recommendations promptly.”~~

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*Justification*

This amendment would make use of technology to support and encourage trends towards increased engagement of the General Faculty in University government. UNC-CH provides more structural support for General Faculty gathering and voting than most other institutions of higher education, but logistical challenges reduce participation at scheduled meetings.

This proposal builds on the deliberation-supporting tradition of requiring two votes for approval of resolutions to amend the *Faculty Code* and does three new things to reduce the logistical burden and increase the integrity of General Faculty voting more broadly. First, the two-vote requirement is extended to all resolutions to be passed by the General Faculty. Second, the initial vote on a *Code* change or resolution can be taken by either the Faculty Council or by the General Faculty. This change would allow *Code* amendments and resolutions to be considered initially by either body and would open the possibility for the Council to forward its resolutions or a *Code* amendment to the full faculty even if General Faculty meetings have not been scheduled. Third and perhaps most significantly, the second vote will be by email, allowing a more modern vehicle for broad faculty engagement. This electronic ballot could be produced very quickly for issues that are time sensitive, potentially allowing a more convenient form of engagement for the General Faculty and providing a framework like Faculty Council elections in which the integrity of the voting process is authenticated.

In addition, this proposal incorporates into the *Code* a tradition of having the Committee on University Government review resolutions for Code amendments prior to introduction for the initial vote, rather than allowing this review to occur after the first vote. This proposed procedure is intended to draw on this committee for careful review, consultation, and potential editing so that Faculty Council or the General Faculty debate and initial voting can be conducted efficiently.

The Committee on University Government recommends that this resolution be passed.