

**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 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 University Libraries—one member.
  
- (b) The chair of the faculty appoints seven members of the Administrative Board of the Library, as follows:
  - 1) One member from the School of Media and Journalism, 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) Two members 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) Advocates for the University Libraries; and

- 3) 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.