

**Annual Report of the
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT
For Presentation at the Faculty Council Meeting of January 17, 2020**

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This report covers activity since February 2019.

Committee Charge (as specified in § 4-19 of *The Faculty Code of 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 to 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.

Previous Resolutions.

All three *Code* amendments identified in last year's report as pending passed at the Faculty Council meeting on March 8 and passed the second vote at the Faculty Council meeting on April 12.

Technical Corrections.

As provided in § 1-8 of the *Code*, the Committee updated the names of schools, departments and other units to reflect changes made by the University. In so doing, we also noted changes that were previously made by the committee but were, by mistake, not shown in the 2016 printed edition of the *Code*. The changes, which do not require further approval, are as follows:

(1) Among schools, "School of Journalism and Mass Communication" and "School of Media and Journalism" were both changed to "Hussman School of Journalism and Media"; the new names that had been changed previously by the Committee, but not printed in the 2016 edition, were "Adams School of Dentistry," "Eshelman School of Pharmacy," and "Gillings School of Global Public Health."

(2) Among units in the College of Arts and Sciences, "Art" was changed to "Art and Art History," and "Environment and Ecology" was changed to "Environment, Ecology and Energy"; the new names that had been changed previously by the Committee were "Communication," "Romance Studies," and "Psychology and Neuroscience."

(3) The "Office of Technology Development" was changed to "Office of Technology Commercialization."

Resolution for Presentation in January 2020.

The committee will present a minor amendment to the Faculty Code at the Faculty Council meeting of January 17, 2020. The text of the resolution and its rationale is presented below as Appendix A.

Other Matters.

The Committee discussed work by the Office of Faculty Governance to register retired faculty for voting for their two representatives on Faculty Council [pursuant to §§ 1-4(c), 2-2(i) and 2-4(d)].

The Committee discussed the role of bracketed and footnoted annotations in *The Faculty Code*. The Committee voted to include a note in the introductory portion of the new printing that would clarify that this text is not part of the *Code* itself; rather, it is simply information to facilitate use and understanding of the *Code*.

The Committee meeting on March 27 was covered in an article in *The Daily Tar Heel*.

Appendix A

Report of the Committee on University Government on Faculty Council Resolution 2020-1.

The Advisory Committee (sometimes called the “Chancellor’s Advisory Committee”) is one of the longest-standing committees of the faculty, generally charged with advising the Chancellor and selecting candidates to run for positions of faculty leadership.

The proposed amendment to § 4-5 of the *Code* was drafted by the Committee on University Government at the request of, and in close consultation with, the Advisory Committee. It updates and clarifies the Advisory Committee’s charge, but does not significantly alter the committee’s composition or duties. Specifically,

- * the wording of subsection (b) is simplified and slightly broadened;
- * a new subsection (c) is added to draw attention to the committee’s long-standing role in nominating candidates for certain faculty offices, a role that is currently spelled out in the sections of the Code that describe these offices — §§ 2-10(b), 3-1(c) and 3-2(b) — but not currently mentioned in § 4-5;
- * for the sake of clarity, the current language stipulating that members of the Advisory Committee may not serve concurrently on certain other committees is moved to a separate subsection (d); and
- * subsections (c) and (d) are renumbered, and the wording of (d) is slightly changed to make it gender neutral.

Other portions of the *Code* pertinent to subsection (b)(5) and the new subsection (c) will be explicitly cross-referenced with explanatory notes, per our current practice. These notes do not appear in the language of the proposed amendment because they are not, strictly speaking, part of the *Code*.

Our Committee endorses these changes and strongly recommends that Faculty Council accept them by passing Resolution 2020-1. If the Council passes this resolution on its first reading, the matter will then be put to a vote of the General Faculty by electronic ballot, as required by the newly amended § 1-7 of the *Code*.

Resolution 2020-1. On Amending the Faculty Code of University Government to Clarify the Advisory Committee's Charge.

Section 4-5 of the Faculty Code of University Government is amended as follows (deletions are crossed out, additions are underlined):

§ 4-5. Advisory Committee

(a) The Advisory Committee consists of nine elected members, the chair of the faculty, the secretary of the faculty, and the chair of the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure.

(b) The committee is advisory to the chancellor in any matter deemed important by the chancellor or the committee, and particularly with respect to:

- 1) ~~proposed amendments to the~~ trustee policies and procedures ~~governing academic tenure~~;
- 2) academic ~~program planning and assessment~~ policies and programs;
- 3) appointment of vice chancellors, deans, and other senior administrators;
- 4) recommendations for corrective action pursuant to a report of the Faculty Hearings Committee or Faculty Grievance Committee; and
 - i. ~~pursuant to a report of the Faculty Hearings Committee with respect to a decision not to reappoint a probationary term faculty member, or~~
 - ii. ~~pursuant to a report of the Faculty Grievance Committee with respect to a decision not to promote to a higher rank a person holding permanent tenure at the rank of associate professor or assistant professor; and~~
- 5) appointment and renewal of appointment of the faculty marshal and appointment and review of the faculty athletics representative.

(c) The committee nominates candidates for election as stipulated elsewhere in this Code.

(d) No faculty member may serve simultaneously as an elected member of the Advisory Committee and the Faculty Executive Committee; the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure; the Faculty Hearings Committee; or the Faculty Grievance Committee.

(ee) The secretary of the faculty serves as secretary of the committee.

(ef) The committee holds regular meetings once each month, at such time and place as fixed by the committee and the chancellor. The presiding officer is the chancellor, or, in ~~his or her~~ the chancellor's absence, the chair of the Advisory Committee. Special meetings may be called by the chancellor or the chair of the Advisory Committee. Notice of a special meeting called by the chair is given to the chancellor. Whoever calls the special meeting presides.