

**Annual Report of the
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT
For Presentation at the Faculty Council Meeting of
January 14, 2022**

Current Members:

Andy Hessick, School of Law (2023)
Lloyd Kramer, History, College of Arts and Science (2023)
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Daniel Matute, Biology, College of Arts and Sciences (2024)
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Jill Moore, School of Government, Secretary of the Faculty, ex officio

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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 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

Summary of 2021 activities

Spring 2021: the Committee continued with interviewing individuals, both internal and external, regarding some faculty requests to change the structure of campus leadership. The committee found those conversations were informative and somewhat bridge building. One area of interest is the current UNC extensive committee system which is not present at other institutions. The Committee was coming toward a consensus that our level of faculty engagement and even campus administrative engagement is revealed to be comparatively high when compared to institutions of like size and mission.

Fall 2021: the Committee welcomed new members and provided documents and discussion related to the previous year of review of faculty governance structures from other institutions in preparation for this year's possible recommendations in spring 2022. At the November meeting, members shared perspectives and any actionable take-aways from a discussion on the document "UNC in Crisis and Beyond", developed by a small group of faculty colleagues in 2020.

The plans for Spring 2022 include: requesting all elected and appointed committees to review their charge and other related information in The Faculty Code, reflect on the current activities of their committee, and submit recommendations for changes in the charge or description of their committee's actions, jurisdiction, and responsibilities. The Committee will complete its discussion about the leadership/officer structure of UNC Faculty Governance and propose changes, if any, as possible Code changes in March.