

**Annual Report of the  
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT  
For Presentation at the Faculty Council Meeting of  
January 18, 2023**

**Current Members:**

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**Annual Report prepared by:** Joy Renner, Chair. This report covers the period from January 2022 through December 2022.

**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.

**Spring 2022** the Committee continued with the exploration and discussion related to potential Code Amendments for the Office of Faculty Chair. The proposed amendments were brought to the Faculty Executive Committee and the Advisory Committee for review and input. Additionally, the Committee met with previous Chairs and previous Secretaries for their perspective.

**Fall 2022** at the August meeting the Committee voted unanimously to bring forward a Faculty Council Resolution to amend the Code at the October meeting.

Resolution 2022-6 proposes to amend several provisions of the *Faculty Code of University Government* pertaining to the Chair of the Faculty and to the Secretary of the Faculty and to establish a timeline for implementing the changes to the *Code*.

Section 1 – Changes pertaining to the Chair of the Faculty

Section 1.1 amends three sections of the *Code*—sections 3-1, 2-10, and 4-5. Taken together, the amendments to these sections:

- Reduce the term of the Chair of the Faculty from 3 years to 2 years.

- Create the new role of chair-elect and provide that a person elected chair shall serve a 1-year term as chair-elect before assuming the role of chair.

- Make the chair-elect a non-voting ex officio member of the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) and clarify that a person may not serve on FEC simultaneously as both chair-elect and as an elected member. If an FEC member becomes chair-elect, the member's position is deemed vacant and is filled as otherwise provided in the *Code*.

- Authorize the chair-elect to substitute for the chair during a temporary absence, if requested to do so by the chair.

- Make the immediate past chair a non-voting ex officio member of the Advisory Committee.

- Provide that elections for chair of the faculty will be held every second year.

Section 1.2 provides for delayed implementation of these changes. The person elected chair of the faculty this academic year will assume the position of chair on July 1, 2023, and will serve a 3-year term. The next election for chair of the faculty will occur in academic year 2024-25, and that person will serve one year as chair-elect (while the previous chair is finishing their 3-year term), then 2 years as chair, then one year as immediate past-chair. Subsequent elections will be every other year, and the person elected will progress from chair-elect (1 year) to chair (2 years) to past-chair (1 year).

Section 2 – Changes pertaining to the Secretary of the Faculty

Section 2.1 amends section 3-2 of the *Code* to:

- Reduce the term of the Secretary of the Faculty from 5 years to 4 years.

- Provide that a person may not serve as Secretary for more than two consecutive terms.

- Update the language regarding permanent records of minutes (they are no longer kept in books).

Section 2.2 provides that the current Secretary of the Faculty may complete the 5-year term to which she was elected and is eligible for immediate re-election to one four-year term. Future secretaries will be elected every four years and will serve four-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

The resolution passed the Faculty Council at their November 2022 meeting and was sent to the General Faculty for a vote in December that resulted in passing of the resolution and the enactment of the Code changes following the current election cycle.

**Fall 2022** – COUG met with Provost Clemens and Chancellor Guskiewicz to review the faculty governance structure and elected and appointed committees and their charges. Both conversations were productive from both sides. The leadership said it heightened and refreshed their knowledge of faculty committees available for consultation, expertise, and input. For the Committee, there was input on where they saw some upcoming needs for engagement with these committees and possible discussion for charge clarifications.

### **Other activities**

The Committee reviewed the apportionment report for Faculty Council seats prepared by the Secretary of the Faculty. There was some preliminary discussion of possible changes to apportionment and the implications and intentions related to those changes.

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the proposed name changes submitted by the College that require a change in the Code.

### **§ 8-1. Divisions of the College of Arts and Sciences**

(a) The College of Arts and Sciences is organized into the Divisions of Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences. These Divisions comprise the departments and curricula listed below:

1. *Fine Arts*: Art and Art History; Dramatic Art; and Music.
2. *Humanities*: American Studies; Classics; Communication; English and Comparative Literature; Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures; Linguistics; Philosophy; Religious Studies; Romance Studies; and Women's and Gender Studies.
3. *Natural Sciences and Mathematics*: Applied Physical Sciences; Biology; Biomedical Engineering; Chemistry; Computer Science; **Earth, Marine and Environmental Sciences**; Environment, Ecology and Energy; Exercise and Sport Science; **Geological Sciences**; **Marine Sciences**; Mathematics; Physics and Astronomy; Psychology and Neuroscience; and Statistics and Operations Research.
4. *Social Sciences*: Aerospace Studies; African, **African American**, **African American**, and Diaspora Studies; Anthropology; Archaeology; **Asian and Middle Eastern Studies**; City and Regional Planning; Contemporary European Studies; Economics; Geography; **Global Studies**; History; **Global Studies**; Latin American Studies; Military Science; Naval Science; Peace, War, and Defense; Political Science; Public Policy; and Sociology.

Notes:

Earth, Marine and Environmental Sciences is a new department that includes the former departments of Geological Sciences and Marine Sciences.

The proposed change to African American simply removes the hyphen.

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies reflects a departmental name change.

The proposed change to Global Studies is just to restore alphabetical order.