

Resolution 2024-9. Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* to Revise the Membership and Charge of the Faculty Committee on Research

The General Faculty enacts:

Section 4-16 of *The Faculty Code of University Government* is amended as follows:

§ 4-16. Faculty Committee on Research. (a) ~~The Faculty Committee on Research consists of nine~~ is composed of ten members appointed by the chancellor. Each member must be a faculty member with an active research portfolio. For purposes of this section, “active research portfolio” means the faculty member is engaged in research or scholarship with ongoing and current production of field-specific papers, books, or other professional scholarship products. The committee’s membership shall represent researchers in a wide range of disciplines and academic units, reflecting the variety of types and topics of research carried out by the university’s faculty. Five of the committee members must be tenured full professors, one member must be a tenure-track assistant professor, one member must be a tenure-track associate professor, one member must be a fixed-term or variable-track research or clinical faculty member, and two members may be faculty members of any rank.

(b) ~~The committee advises the chancellor, other officers of administration, and the Faculty Council on matters of University policy and its implementation that have significant impact upon research. The committee advises the vice chancellor for research, other officers of administration, and the faculty on any important research matter agreed upon by the committee, particularly with respect to research assets, research opportunities, research policies and procedures, and strategic research initiatives.~~

Submitted by the Committee on University Government.

Summary and justification: At present, the Faculty Committee on Research consists of 9 members appointed by the chancellor, with no specifications as to who may qualify as a member. The proposed amendment to subsection (a) changes the membership of the Faculty Committee on Research by:

- Increasing the number of members from 9 to 10;
- Requiring that each member of the committee be a faculty member with an active research portfolio, as defined;
- Requiring that members represent diverse disciplinary areas and academic units; and
- Requiring five tenured full professors and at least one member from each of the following ranks: tenure-track assistant professor, tenure-track associate professor, and fixed-term or variable-track research or clinical faculty member. The remaining two members may be of any faculty rank.

The purpose of the amendment to subsection (a) is to ensure that the research committee is composed of faculty members who are actively engaged in research resulting in scholarly

products, and that it represents the wide range of types of research conducted at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Subsection (b) sets out the committee's charge. The amendments to subsection (b) are intended to clarify the committee's relationship to the Vice Chancellor for Research, and to emphasize certain issues (research assets, research opportunities, research policies and procedures, and strategic research initiatives) while retaining the committee's authority to advise on other matters pertaining to research.