

Annual Report of the
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT
For Presentation at the Faculty Council Meeting of December 13, 2024

Current Members (and year their terms end):

Misha Becker, College of Arts and Sciences (2027)
Jeff Greene, School of Education (2027)
Andy Hessick, School of Law (2026)
Jo Lindquist, College of Arts and Sciences (2026)
Stephanie Mahin, School of Business (2027)
Joy Renner, School of Medicine (2025)
Erika Ripley, University Libraries (2025)
Jill Moore, School of Government, Secretary of the Faculty, ex officio

2023-24 Members

Andy Hessick, School of Law (2026)
Lloyd Kramer, College of Arts and Sciences (2026)¹
Jo Lindquist, College of Arts and Sciences (2024)
Stephanie Mahin, School of Business (2024)
Daniel Matute, College of Arts and Sciences (2024)
Joy Renner, School of Medicine (2024)
Erika Ripley, University Libraries (2025)
Jill Moore, School of Government, Secretary of the Faculty, ex officio

¹Kramer retired in 2024; Lindquist was appointed to complete his term.

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This report covers January 2024 through December 2024.

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 a 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 2024

In Fall 2023, the Committee began a process of updating the charges and compositions of committees in *The Faculty Code*. To that end, the Committee sent a request to all committee chairs, asking each committee to review its charge and composition to consider whether a change in composition or charge would facilitate the committee's work. Several committees expressed interest in potentially reviewing their respective charges and composition. As a result, the Committee proposed two code-change resolutions. The first was to increase the size of the Faculty Hearings Committee. [Resolution 2024-3](#). Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* to increase the number of members on the Faculty Hearings Committee. The second was to increase the size of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards. [Resolution 2024-4](#). Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* to increase the number of members on the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards.

The Committee also proposed a resolution for amending the procedure for determining a quorum of the Faculty Council. [Resolution 2024-5](#). Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* to change the procedure for determining a quorum of the Faculty Council. (First reading, 1/19/24; Second reading 2/12/24)

Other topics discussed by the Committee included potential ways of improving discussion and voting in meetings of the Faculty Council, ensuring a smooth launch of the procedures for electing the new chair-elect position, and apportionment for Faculty Council.

Fall 2024

The Committee continued reviewing and revising the composition and charges at the request of committee chairs. This work led to the Committee proposing three code-change resolutions. The first reallocated the membership of the Administrative Board of the Library. [Resolution 2024-7](#). Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* to Reallocate the Membership of the Administrative Board of the Library. The second modified the membership of the Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee. [Resolution 2024-8](#). Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* to Increase and Specify the Membership of the Faculty Information Technology Advisory Committee. The third revised the charge and membership of the Faculty Research Committee. [Resolution 2024-9](#). Amending *The Faculty Code of University Government* to revise the charge and membership of the Faculty Committee on Research.

The Committee also made technical amendments to *The Faculty Code* relating to the governing bodies of Graduate and Professional Students.

The Committee continued discussions about apportionment on Faculty Council. The discussions focused on potential apportionment changes given the launch and growth of the School of Data Science and Society and the School of Civil Life and Leadership, as well as on the possibility of expanding the size of Faculty Council.