

UC Resolution 2004-05A
Resolution to Amend the University Council Constitution and By-laws
to Accommodate Organizational and Administrative Changes
of the University

Endorsed by CEO:	January 31, 2005
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Approved by University Council:	
Approval by University President:	
Approval by Board of Visitors:	
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WHEREAS, the organizational structure of the university has evolved since the most recent version of the University Council Constitution was approved and will continue to evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of the university; and

WHEREAS, President Steger appointed a task force to study the membership of University Council and charged that task force specifically with: (1) reviewing the ex officio membership to make sure there is appropriate representation of the university's administration (including deans, vice presidents, and vice provosts) and of the GSA and SGA; (2) reviewing the groups from which the elected representatives are drawn to ensure that the groups and number of representatives from each group are still appropriate; (3) determining an appropriate balance of representation among administrators, faculty (T&R and A/P), staff, and students (graduate and undergraduate); and (4) identifying a mechanism by which the ex officio membership of administrators can be automatically aligned with the changing structure of the university without the need for additional action by the University Council and BOV in each instance; and

WHEREAS, the task force was composed of one representative each from the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, A/P faculty, Student Government Association, and Graduate Student Assembly, and the Secretary of University Council, and considered the input of those respective constituencies in developing preliminary recommendations; and

WHEREAS, those preliminary recommendations were reviewed by the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity, whose subsequent recommendations for enhancing the diversity of University Council have been incorporated into the final recommendations of the task force;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Article IV, Section 1** of the University Council Constitution be amended to read: [changes highlighted in yellow]

The members of the University Council are:

Ex officio members:

- President of the University (non-voting chairperson)
- Secretary of the University Council (non-voting)
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
- All Vice Presidents of the University
- All Vice Provosts of the University
- All Academic Deans of the University
- Dean of University Libraries
- Director of the Office for Equal Opportunity
- Chairs of all University Commissions
- Vice President of the Graduate Student Assembly
- Vice President of the Student Government Association

Elected representatives:

- Seven Faculty Senators elected by the Faculty Senate
- Faculty representatives from each of the academic colleges elected by the faculty in each of the colleges [number of academic colleges no longer specified so that the merger, division, or redefinition of colleges is automatically accommodated]
- One representative from the library faculty elected by the Library Faculty Association
- One professional faculty representative elected from Cooperative Extension
- One professional faculty representative elected from: general administration, academic support, student affairs
- One student representative elected by the Black Organizations Council
- One faculty/staff representative elected by the Black Faculty and Staff Caucus
- One at-large faculty/staff representative elected annually by the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
- One student representative elected annually by the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
- Seven staff representatives elected by the Staff Senate
- Two representatives from the Graduate Student Assembly elected by the Graduate Student Assembly
- Five representatives from the Student Government Association elected by the Student Government Association

Board of Visitors Representatives (non-voting, ex officio):

- Faculty Representative to the BOV (President of the Faculty Senate)
- Undergraduate Student Representative to the BOV
- Graduate Student Representative to the BOV

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following new language be **added** at the end of **Article IV, Section 1 of the University Council Constitution**:

Ex officio members of University Council may be automatically added or removed or titles revised to reflect the university's evolving organizational structure, and thus the number of members of University Council may fluctuate slightly over time. Ex officio membership of University Commissions and Committees listed in the University Council By-laws will change automatically, as appropriate, to coincide with changes in ex officio membership of University Council.

If at the beginning of any academic year the total number of voting university administrators (deans, vice presidents, and vice provosts) who hold ex officio positions on University Council equals or exceeds the total number of all other faculty on University Council, then the Faculty Senate may elect the additional faculty necessary to ensure that the number of faculty exceeds the number of voting ex officio university administrators by one.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT **Article IV, Section 3. Term of Membership, be updated as follows:**

Term of membership of elected representatives on University Council is as follows: Faculty and staff representatives are elected for terms of three years and are not eligible for re-election to a consecutive term. Terms are staggered to permit election of approximately one-third each year. When additional faculty are elected at the beginning of the academic year to maintain a faculty majority over voting administrators, those faculty will serve a one-year term. Student representatives are elected for one-year terms and are not eligible to serve more than two years. The at-large faculty/staff representative elected by the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity serves for one year. Vacancies in unexpired terms are filled by the relevant body. Persons filling an unexpired term are eligible for re-election to a full term. Elections are effective the first day of July.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT **Article IV, Section 2. Voting Privileges, be amended to read as follows:**

All members of University Council, exclusive of the Chairperson, the Secretary, and the faculty representative and two student representatives to the Board of Visitors, shall have voting privileges.

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