**Proposal to Amend USG Faculty Council Bylaws to Modify the Dates of the Term of Service**

The members of the University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC) Bylaws, Statutes, & Administrative committee (the “Committee”) met at the USGFC Spring 2022 meeting and recommended to the Executive Committee that the following amendment be made to the bylaws. The Executive Committee agreed with that recommendation and a copy of the proposed amendment was provided to members of the USG Faculty Council more than 30 days before October 21, 2022.

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

WHEREAS, bylaws IV.1 and IV.4 refer to a “a term of one academic year (July 1 – June 30)” and subsequently refer to July 1 as the starting date.

WHEREAS, the academic year does not start on July 1, but rather, Georgia’s fiscal year starts on July 1.

WHEREAS, August 1 is the start of the academic year but is often an extremely busy month for faculty at their respective institutions.

WHEREAS, some faculty senates do not meet and elect their Institutional Representative until after September 1.

WHEREAS, a October 1 term start date would allow for a smoother transition between years for the USGFC since October1 would neither be mid-summer nor at the outset of the academic year.

THEREFORE, bylaws shall be amended to refer to USGFC annual terms as starting on October 1 and running through September 30 as follows:

**IV.1. Institutional Representatives.**

Each USG institution shall have one voting representative, who must be a member of that institution’s faculty and selected by a process determined by the faculty or faculty body (council, senate, assembly, etc.) of that institution. Institutional Representatives serve for a term from October 1 to September 30 ~~of one academic year (July 1 – June 30)~~ and may serve multiple consecutive terms. Institutions are expected to select their representative prior to September 30 ~~July 1~~ of each year and Institutional Representatives are expected to inform the USGFC Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and IT Coordinator when a new representative is selected, so that the correct records can be kept.

**IV.5. Officer Terms and Succession.**

Officers serve a term **from October 1 to September 30** ~~of one academic year (July 1 – June 30)~~. On ~~July 1~~**October 1**, the Chair shall become the Past-Chair and the Chair-Elect shall become the Chair. The Secretary/Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and IT Coordinator may serve multiple consecutive terms. If annual elections are not held prior to ~~July 1~~October 1, succession of the chairs shall still occur; however, the Chair-Elect position shall be vacant and the other officers shall continue to serve until the election is held. If a vacancy occurs during the year, the Executive Committee, at its discretion, may leave the position vacant, appoint someone for the remainder of the term, or hold a special election to fill the position.