**Proposal to Amend USG Faculty Council Bylaws to Replace the Word “Tier” with the Word “Sector”**

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 VI, VII, or subparts thereof refer to groupings of institutions within the USG as tiers.

WHEREAS, reference to groupings of institutions as tiers improperly implies a hierarchy of such groupings.

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents for the USG in its policies refers to groupings of institutions within the USG as institutional sectors.

THEREFORE, bylaws VI, VII, and any relevant subparts shall be amended to refer to Sectors rather than Tiers, as follows:

### Article VI. Voting

The USGFC uses two forms of voting, Combined Voting and ~~Tier~~ Sector Voting, as described in the following sections. ~~Tier~~ Sector Voting is required for amending, repealing, or replacing these Bylaws. Combined Voting is required for the election of officers. In all other cases, Combined Voting shall be used unless a voting member requests that a particular vote be conducted using ~~Tier~~ Sector Voting; such a request does not require a second, is non-debatable, and requires a majority vote for approval.

**VI.3. ~~Tier~~** Sector **Voting.**

Each USG institution shall have one vote, cast by the Institutional Representative or designated proxy. Officers who are not also Institutional Representatives shall not have a vote. The vote shall be conducted separately within each institutional sector ~~tier of institutions~~, as defined by the Board of Regents for the USG. The list of USG institutions and their respective sector ~~tiers~~ for voting purposes shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer. Within each sector ~~tier~~, the vote shall be conducted in compliance with Article VI.1 and a motion must be approved by all institutional sectors ~~tiers~~ in order to pass.

**VII.1. ~~Tier~~** Sector **Committees.**

These committees correspond to the USG institutional sector ~~tiers~~, as defined in Article VI.3 and the membership of each committee consists of the Institutional Representatives from those institutions. ~~Tier~~ Sector Committees provide a forum for discussion of issues specific to those institutions