

University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC)

A FACT SHEET TO INFORM CONSIDERATION OF THE SELECTION PROCESS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL USGFC REPRESENTATIVE

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What are details (eligibility criteria, term of service, etc.) of this position?

Presently the institutional USGFC Representative has a one year term of service given that this position is the Presiding Officer Elect of the University Senate, a position filled annually with a one year term of service. The USGFC Rep. attends USGFC meetings and provides a report on each to the University Senate.

*The eligibility and term of service are left to the discretion of each USG institution by USGFC bylaw **Article IV: Membership of the USGFC shall be composed of one voting representative from each USG institution and that representative 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.***

*Historically, there have been two USGFC meetings each year. Although the USGFC bylaws include a mechanism for calling additional meetings of the USGFC, Section V.1.1 of its bylaws reads **Meetings normally take place once each fall and spring.***

What is our institutional USGFC Representative selection process?

*At its 25 Oct 2010 meeting, the University Senate adopted the current selection process by endorsing **Resolution 1011.EC.001.R** which reads **The GCSU USGFC representative shall be the University Senate Presiding Officer elect.***

What is the USGFC?

BoR Policy 3.2.4.1 University System of Georgia Faculty Council

There shall be a University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC), which shall provide a faculty voice on academic and educational matters and BOR policies related to the profession, including but not limited to tenure and promotion, academic freedom, and post-tenure review. The USGFC shall be mindful and respectful of matters that are more appropriately handled at the institutional level but may make recommendations that have University System level impact or implications.

Membership of the USGFC shall be comprised of one voting representative from each USG institution and that representative must be a member of that institution's faculty and selected by a process determined by the faculty or faculty body of that institution. A copy of each institution's process to determine its USGFC representative shall be filed with the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of the University System of Georgia. The organization and governance of the USGFC shall be implemented according to policies and procedures established by the membership of the USGFC in the USGFC By-laws in consultation with and approved by the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee.

Nothing in this policy or the USGFC By-laws shall supersede the authority and responsibilities of institutional presidents addressed in [Policy 2.5](#) (Presidential Authority and Responsibilities). With respect to matters specific to their institutions, presidents remain the official medium of communication between their institutional faculties and the Chancellor. (BoR Minutes, May 2010)

When was the USGFC formed?

The idea for the USGFC was born in the mind of Dr. Russell Porter (formerly a faculty member at Clayton State University) in fall 2007. Dr. Porter pitched the idea to the point persons of USG institutional faculty governance units at the GAFGU (Georgia Faculty Governance Units) meeting on 14 Mar 2008. A group of governance leaders has met at least once a semester since with the group name morphing from GAFGU to Interim USGFC to the current USGFC when it received formal recognition as an advisory council to the Chancellor (or designee) at the May 2010 BoR meeting. A detailed history of the USGFC is available at the archival USGFC website – see USGFC History at http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/univ_senate/usgfc/