

Statutes Committee Annual Report for the Academic Year 2002-2003
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The Statutes Committee worked on the following tasks during the academic year 2002-2003.

Changes to the Statutes and Bylaws

1. Statute 2.8.1.7.(l)(1): changed the Registrar to an ex-officio nonvoting member on the Student Regulations Committee. Change made after the first reading.
2. Statute 2.4.6.1.(c): modified the charge to the Faculty Status and Grievance Committee from "...may occasional review..." to "...may review (at its own discretion)...". Change made after the first reading.
3. Statute 2.4.7.2.(h): removed the reference about the Faculty Status and Grievance Committee reviewing a faculty member who has not been promoted to the next level in a certain number of years. This was removed to be consistent with the removal of Section 2.4.6.1.(c)(2), which made the original charge. Change made after the first reading.

These three changes were approved by the faculty along with the original changes to the Statutes and Bylaws concerning the Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum Committees and the Faculty Status and Grievance Committee after a second reading at the GF/GFA meeting on October 8, 2002.

4. Bylaw 2.8.1.7.(e): increased the size of the Student Honor Committee and formed new Hearing Panels.
5. Wrote a new Bylaw to establish a new standing committee of the Academic Faculty, the Committee on Academic Integrity.

These two changes were given a first reading at the GF meeting on December 3, 2002. Some minor wording changes were made in response to this reading. The faculty approved the final forms after a second reading at the GF/GFA meeting on February 25, 2003.

6. Bylaw 2.8.1.7.(b)(1): increased the size of the Faculty Honors Committee from four to six General Faculty members.

This change was given a first reading at the GF/GFA meeting on February 25, 2003. The faculty approved the final form after a second reading at the GF/AF/AS meeting on April 22, 2003.

Other Business

1. Considered the following question: What is the status of part-time GT faculty with regard to serving on standing committees and voting for such committee members? For example, an Emeritus Professor? **Answer:** If you are not appointed by the Executive Board to General Faculty status, then you must be an eligible full-time employee of Georgia Tech to obtain General Faculty status. Only General Faculty members are eligible to serve on committees and to vote for committee members. Part-time faculty and an Emeritus Professor are not full-time and cannot serve on a GT committee or vote in GT elections.
2. Discussed ways to improve the organization and formatting of the Statutes and Bylaws as they appear in the Faculty Handbook. This task will be continued in the next academic year.