STATUTES OF GEORGIA REGENTS UNIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

As empowered by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia [BOR] and limited by the policies of the Board of Regents, the Faculty of Georgia Regents University sets forth the following regulations for the governance of the university and designates them to be the Statutes of the Georgia Regents University. These Statutes seek to encompass basic principles of operation and organization of the Faculty of Georgia Regents University; to delineate the rights and responsibilities of each component of the university; and to provide means for communication among the components so that, through cooperative action, the purposes of the university can best be served.

ARTICLE I: THE UNIVERSITY

SECTION 1. Introduction

Georgia Health Sciences University, chartered in 1828 as the Medical Academy of Georgia, was Georgia's first school of medicine. It was incorporated into the University System of Georgia in 1932 and was the primary facility for the education of health professionals in the University System and served the state and region as a health sciences university.

Augusta State University, tracing its roots to 1783, became a member of the University System of Georgia in 1958. It contained four colleges offering a broad range of degree programs in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences; Business; Education; and Science & Mathematics.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted on January 10, 2012 to consolidate Augusta State University and Georgia Health Sciences University, and confirmed that action on January 8, 2013, creating Georgia Regents University (GRU). The move draws on the strengths of two historic universities to create an even greater, new comprehensive research university.

SECTION 2. Unit of the University System

Georgia Regents University is a unit of the University System of Georgia, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

SECTION 3. Academic Programs

The Georgia Regents University consists of the Colleges of Allied Health Sciences; Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences; Business; Dental Medicine; Education; Graduate Studies; Medicine; Nursing; and Science and Mathematics.
SECTION 4. Components

The Administration of the university is composed of the President and other persons duly appointed by the President and by the Regents to serve primarily in executive and managerial capacities. The faculty of the university is composed of Administrative Officers and the Corps of Instruction who are full time and on an annual contract. As defined by the Board of Regents Policy Manual 3.2.1.1, the Corps of Instruction includes professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors, senior lecturers, lecturers, and teaching personnel with such other titles as may be approved by the BOR. Research and extension personnel and duly certified librarians will be included in the Corps of Instruction on the basis of comparable training. Persons holding adjunct appointments or other honorary titles shall not be considered to be members of the faculty.

Students in the university are those persons who, through official matriculation, indicate their intent to be recipients of the educational process and training available at the university. The administration, the faculty and the students are the components of the university to which these statutes relate. Undergraduate and graduate degree programs are established by official action of the faculty and are subject to approval by the President and the Board of Regents. The university shall confer degrees upon candidates who have satisfied the prescribed requirements and regulations of these programs. A current official listing of degrees appears in the catalog. The university may award suitable certificates to enrollees who successfully complete specialized courses.

ARTICLE II. THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. The President

A. Duties. The President is the chief executive officer of the university and is appointed annually by the Board of Regents. The powers of the President are those ordinarily implied by the office and those set forth in The Policy Manual of the Board of Regents. The President is the chief spokesman of the university and has the responsibility for defining goals, for taking administrative action, and for facilitating public understanding. Directly reporting to the President are the Provost, and other senior administrators as deemed necessary. The President utilizes the judgments of the faculty and also seeks outside evaluations by organizations and scholars of acknowledged competence. The President will present through the Chancellor to the Board of Regents views of faculty and students, including dissenting views, in those areas and on those issues where responsibilities are shared. The President confers all degrees and presides at commencement ceremonies. The President authorizes the issuance of all diplomas and certificates. The President of the GRU will serve as Head of the faculty and the Executive Chair of the University Senate and is an ex-officio member of all committees and boards.

The President has the authority to appoint, reappoint, promote and dismiss Administrative Officers and the Corps of Instruction members. The President identifies and defines the responsibilities of other members of the Administration who, serving at the President's discretion, guide and direct other functions necessary to the complex academic institution. Through memoranda and organizational charts, the President advises the University of
organizational changes and shifts in responsibilities of members of the Administration. Hereafter in these Statutes, Administrative Officers will be referred to as administrators.

B. Advisory Bodies. To facilitate and enhance the means by which the President can obtain information and advice on matters covering the policies and operational aspects of the university, the President has established the President’s Cabinet. Other standing or ad hoc advisory committees may be established by the President.

1. The President’s Cabinet is composed of those members designated by the President and also the Chair of the Executive Committee of the University Senate. This body advises the President on matters pertaining to the university’s missions of research, instruction, and service.

SECTION 2. The Provost and Chief Academic Officer

The Provost is the chief operating officer of the academic enterprise of the institution and chief academic officer. This officer serves as the President’s chief advisor in matters relating to academic, faculty, and student affairs and is administratively responsible for all of those functions. The Deans report directly to the Provost. Others may also be assigned to report to the Provost in research administration, student, and academic areas. The Provost serves in the absence of the President, and has other duties as assigned by the President.

SECTION 3. The Vice Presidents and other Administrative Officers

The President may appoint Vice Presidents and other administrative officers to assist in the administration of the institution. The President shall assign each officer’s portfolio of responsibilities. All Vice Presidents and other administrative officers serve at the pleasure of the President.

ARTICLE III. GEORGIA REGENTS UNIVERSITY FACULTY

SECTION 1. Purpose and Structure

The faculty of the Georgia Regents University shall establish a representative body to act on its behalf to exercise shared governance. The University Senate is a vehicle through which faculty share in the operation and management of the university. The shared governance practice of collaborative decision-making between the University Senate and the University Administration at every level underscores the belief that faculty are at the heart of the academic mission of teaching, research, and service. The University Assembly shall be the constituent body and electorate, and the University Senate shall be the representative body. The University Senate promotes faculty development, creates a culture of shared responsibility, and strengthens the tripartite mission of the university.

SECTION 2. University Assembly

A. Membership The University Assembly shall consist of:
(i) The full-time faculty who are members of the Corps of Instruction. These faculty must have an appointment in one of the 9 Colleges or the Library;

(ii) Administrative Officers consisting of: the Chancellor; the President; the Provost, the Vice Presidents; the Deans of the respective Colleges; the officers reporting directly to the President; the Associate and Assistant Deans of the respective Colleges (who have fifty percent or greater of their responsibilities assigned to administration; and

(iii) Other persons in full-time administrative, academic and/or research positions as may be designated by the President in consultation with the University Senate.

Throughout this document, the term "faculty" shall be used to designate individuals who qualify under subsection (i) and (ii) above.

B. Officers

1. President.
   The President of the university shall be the ex officio Executive Chair.

2. Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer.
   The Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer of the University Senate shall also serve as the Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer of the University Assembly. The Chair and Vice Chair shall also serve as Chair and Chair-elect of the Executive Committee of the University Senate, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the University Senate shall serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be members of the Corps of Instruction and shall be elected by and from the University Assembly. The immediate Past Chair of the Executive Committee is a member of the Executive Committee. While the Provost, the Vice President(s) and other Administrative Officers, Deans, Associate Deans and Assistant Deans of each College may be members of the Corps of Instruction, they shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the University Assembly, as they have more than fifty percent or more of their responsibilities assigned to administration. Other faculty are eligible provided they qualify under Section 2.A.(i). The Policies and Procedures of the University Assembly may provide for additional officers of the University Senate.

C. Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the University Assembly shall be held as determined by the University Assembly and their bylaws. At least four such meeting shall be held annually, during the Fall and Spring semesters.

2. The Policies and Procedures of the University Assembly shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes and shall be prepared by the Executive Committee of the University Senate subject to confirmation and amendment by the University Assembly.
D. Functions and Powers

In addition to those functions specified in the policies of the Board of Regents, the University Assembly shall:

1. determine the bylaws by which the faculty is organized and governed;
2. initiate action on any matter of concern to the faculty for consideration by the
University Senate and to direct the Senate to report back to the University Assembly;

3. recommend any action as may be appropriate to the proper discharge of its functions as a faculty to the Office of the President;

4. review any action taken by the University Senate and take such action, including a veto, on the basis thereof as the University Assembly may deem appropriate;

5. maintain a registry of membership and college constituency;

6. act as a referendum body on questions referred to it for that purpose by the President or the University Senate;

7. receive information of general university interest from the President; and

8. receive regular reports from the University Senate as to its programs and activities and those of its Committees, as well as any proposed programs and agendas.

SECTION 3. The University Senate

A. Membership

The University Senate shall consist of (i) representatives elected on the basis of proportional representation, by and from the faculty of each College and the Library and (ii) ex-officio members as designated by these Statutes.

1. The faculty representatives to the University Senate shall be elected from those members of the Corps of Instruction of the College.

2. The number of delegates elected to the University Senate from each college will be based on the following numbers of faculty as defined in II, 3 and II,4 of the GRU University Senate Bylaws:

   1-20 faculty, one representative
   21-99 faculty, two representatives
   100-199 faculty, three representatives
   200-299 faculty, four representatives
   300-399 faculty, five representatives
   400 or more faculty, six representatives

3. There shall be four at-large senators elected by the faculty as a whole as defined in II,3 and II,4 of the GRU University Senate Bylaws.

4. The term of each elected representative shall be two years.

5. Elections shall be held annually in a manner determined by the faculty of the College or Library according to procedures as outlined in the Statutes and the University Senate Bylaws.

6. Reapportionment of the numbers of Senators from each college shall be made
annually in accordance with the standards set forth in the Bylaws by the University Senate Administrative Assistant with the oversight of the Chair of the Executive Committee.

7. Each College shall elect Alternates to fill unexpired terms of any of its elected University Senate members who are no longer able to serve.

8. The ex-officio members of the University Senate shall consist of the Chancellor, the President, and the Provost.

B. Officers

The officers of the University Senate shall be the Executive Chair (President of GRU),
the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Past Chair, and the Secretary/Treasurer, as detailed in the University Senate Executive Committee section E 1.

C. Meetings

1. The University Senate shall meet regularly as determined by the Senate. Special meetings shall be at the call of the President, by acting independently, or upon the request of the Executive Committee of the University Senate or by resolution of the Senate, or upon petition of senate members.

2. Except as otherwise provided herein, or required by the University Assembly, the University Senate shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes and the University Senate Bylaws and may adopt such rules concerning its government and procedures that are consistent with the Statutes and Bylaws.

D. Powers, Jurisdictions, and Functions

The University Senate, on behalf of the faculty, shall with respect to matters which are of concern to the university, more than one College, or to the faculty;

1. Formulate principles and objectives and find facts, so as to recommend policies to the President with regard to:
   a. general educational policies. In its advisory role, the Senate may review the recommendations made by any College that concerns the establishment, major modification, or discontinuation of any degree or program. If such a review is requested by the President, the Senate will transmit to the President a letter of support or non-support regarding the College’s recommendation.
   b. matters pertaining to faculty affairs as defined by the faculty organization;
   c. matters pertaining to student affairs. The University Senate shall have the power to make general recommendations concerning student conduct and other aspects of student life in collaboration with the appropriate vice president.
   d. matters of public service activities by the faculty groups, particularly when these involve several Colleges.

2. Establish such committees as may be needed to carry out the activities of the University Senate.

3. Advise, by resolution, the President, or (through the President) the Chancellor or the Board of Regents on any matters of concern to the university or the faculty.

4. Establish close cooperative relationships between (i) the several faculty committees or other organized groups of the faculty, and (ii) appropriate administrative officers.

E. Committees

The University Senate has two kinds of committees, an Executive Committee and University Senate Committees. University Senate Committees, subcommittees, ad hoc committees or Task Forces may be created by the Executive Committee with approval by the University Senate.
1. Executive Committee
   a. Composition:
      The University Senate Executive Committee consists of the President (ex-
officio and non-voting except in the case of a tie) or the President’s proxy (ex-officio and non-voting except in the case of a tie); University Senate Chair (voting); Vice-Chair (voting); immediate Past-Chair (voting); and Secretary Treasurer (voting). The Administrative Assistant will be in attendance and is non-voting.

b. Functions:

The Executive Committee shall:

- Arrange the agenda for University Senate meetings.
- Prepare and submit reports on the work of the University Senate to the University Assembly and the Administration (President) of the university, at the end of each academic year and at such other times as the Committee or University Assembly may find desirable.

- Assist in carrying into effect the actions of the University Assembly and the University Senate.

- Serve as a channel through which any member of the University Assembly may introduce matters for consideration by the University Senate.

- Receive and review reports submitted by any College or division of the university that may be of concern or interest to any other College, division, or the faculty at large, and arrange for appropriate distribution.

- Perform such other functions as may be given the Committee under the provisions of these Statutes.

2. University Senate Committees

a. Composition:

Unless otherwise noted, each College, including Colleges without primary appointment faculty, may elect a primary voting member, and may elect a secondary member who can attend all meetings if the secondary wants, and attend and vote when the primary member is absent from a meeting. Each year, approximately one-half of the members will be elected. Each member serves for two years or until a replacement is duly seated. Each member may be reelected to the same Committee for up to three consecutive terms for a total of 6 years of service, at which time the individual must sit out for a year.

b. Functions
The University Senate Committees have the following exclusive rights and shared responsibilities but are not necessarily limited to:

- The review of educational standards and support services; faculty orientation, faculty development, and recognition; and the integrity of research processes.
- Planning of strategic initiatives, accreditation, monitoring legislation, grievance, and student activities.
- The election of faculty representatives; the regular review and approval of the GRU Statutes; the activities of faculty appointment, development, promotion, tenure, and post tenure.
review; and the periodic evaluation of faculty and administrators.

ARTICLE IV. DEANS OF COLLEGES AND DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

SECTION 1. Appointment

The Dean of each College within the university and the Director of Libraries shall be appointed by the Provost and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Provost. The recommendation of the Provost relating to each appointment shall be made after consultation with a representative committee of faculty, which includes members of the academic unit (i.e., college or library) involved.

SECTION 2. Powers

The Dean shall be the chief executive officer of the College and the Director of Libraries shall be the chief executive officer of the Library and these officers shall have the powers and duties to:

- Coordinate the academic programs and instructional activities of the academic unit and to supervise its research and service programs.
- Present to the University Senate those actions of the faculty that require approval of the University Senate as specified elsewhere in these Statutes.
- Recommend to the President through the Provost, the appointment, reappointment, promotion, dismissal and non-renewal of members of the faculty and its administrative staff. Prior to action on recommendations regarding department heads, the Dean or Director of Libraries shall consult with all full-time members of the faculty of the department concerned. In recommending appointments to faculty positions within a department, the Dean or Director of Libraries shall act on the recommendation of the department head. In conformity with institutional policy and the Policies of the Board of Regents, the Dean or Director of Libraries may recommend the dismissal of any member of the faculty.
- Prepare annually a budget of the academic unit after consultation with the members of the faculty and appropriate administrative assistants. Where departments exist, the Dean or Director of Libraries shall ask each department head to recommend a departmental budget.
- Be custodian of buildings and other university property occupied or used by the academic unit, and be responsible for the proper use thereof subject to the general authority of the President.
- Serve as the medium of communication for all official business of the academic unit with other university authorities, the students, and the public.
- Submit to the President a report covering important phases of the work of the academic unit at the close of each academic year.

In addition, the Dean of each College (but not the Director of Libraries) shall:
• Oversee the academic activity of the students of the College. The Dean shall be responsible for the administration of regulations affecting student academic performance. In accordance with the regulations of the university and consistent with requirements of due process, it is the responsibility of the Dean of each College to reprove or dismiss students for disciplinary or academic reasons.

• Certify to the compliance by individual students with the requirements for graduation on the basis of the records and reports of the Registrar's Office and upon recommendation of its faculty.

• Be responsible, jointly with the appropriate administrative officer of instructional, research and public service units of the institution, for programs operated for or by the College.

ARTICLE V. FACULTY OF COLLEGES

SECTION 1. Members

The faculty of each College shall consist of the President, Provost, its Dean, Associate and Assistant Deans, Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Instructors, Senior Lecturers and Lecturers and other persons in academic and/or research positions as may be designated by the President. The faculty of the Library shall consist of the President, Provost, Director of Libraries, Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Instructors, and other persons in academic and/or research positions, as may be designated by the President.

SECTION 2. Organization

The faculty of the respective Colleges of the University and the Library shall be organized on the basis of the same principles of faculty participation that underlie the organization of the general faculty of the university.

The respective Colleges and the Library shall comply with the general institutional policies adopted by the University Senate and approved by the President. In matters specific to a particular academic unit, its faculty shall make its own provisions.

The faculty of each College and the Library may have general faculty assemblies of the college’s faculty on an as-needed basis.

The faculty of each College shall be responsible for developing and implementing the educational policies, programs, and curricula, and shall recommend conferring of degrees in that College. The faculty of the Library shall be responsible for developing and implementing the educational policies and programs of the Library.

In planning, developing, and implementing programs involving or of concern to more than one College and/or the Library, the faculty of each affected group shall be consulted about services in the area of its professional expertise.
ARTICLE VI. DEPARTMENTS

SECTION 1. Definitions and Functions

A department is an administrative subdivision of a College organized for the purpose of conducting programs in instruction, research and service consistent with the College and the Board of Regents’ Policies. Subject to the direction of the faculty of its College, the faculty of a department shall be responsible for the program of studies offered by the department and shall have power to determine such matters as do not affect relationships with other departments.

SECTION 2. Chairs

The Chair of a department shall be appointed by the Dean pursuant to the Policies of the Board of Regents. The Chair shall hold office at the pleasure of the Dean and normally shall be appointed after the Dean’s consultation with the members of the department and other members of the College’s faculty. The Chair serves as chief executive officer of the Department, but is entitled to full faculty privileges including eligibility to vote in all elections and serve as an elected representative to the University Senate.

The powers and duties of the Chair shall be:

- General direction of the activity of the department; responsibility for the formation, in consultation with the faculty, of departmental policies and responsibility for the execution of departmental, College and university policies insofar as they affect the work of the department.
- Representation of the department in all official communications with the President, the Provost, the Vice Presidents, the Deans, and other officers of the university, and also in all departmental communications with students.
- Responsibility for the quality of the instruction, research and service programs conducted in the department.
- Assignment of teaching and other duties within the department and maintenance, insofar as possible, of an equitable and mutually agreeable distribution of assignments.
- Recommendation of appointments, reappointments and promotions of members of the faculty after consultation with faculty members of senior rank of service in the department. These shall be consistent with the promotion and tenure policy. The Chair shall forward to the Dean, in writing, the collective opinions of the departmental faculty consulted along with any written recommendations by the Chair concerning any such faculty changes. The record of every faculty member shall be reviewed annually for promotion and tenure, if applicable. This evaluation will be discussed with the faculty members.
- Responsibility for recommendation to the Dean for the dismissal, renewal, or non-renewal of a member of the faculty in accordance with policies as stated in these Statutes.
• Review and consultation with members of the departmental faculty concerning the annual budget request prior to preparation and submission to the Dean. After final approval, the budget shall be reviewed with the departmental faculty.
• Responsibility for the expenditure of departmental funds and the care and use of departmental property.
• Presentation of an annual report to the Dean of the College on the teaching, research, and service work of the department.

ARTICLE VII. FACULTY MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Appointments and Promotions

All appointments, reappointments, and promotions of members of the faculty shall ordinarily originate with the Chair of a Department or the Director of Libraries and shall be presented through appropriate administrative channels with recommendations to the President. Such actions shall become final upon the approval of the President.

Every appointment or promotion shall be made solely on the basis of merit and the special abilities of the individual, as delineated in Policies of the Board of Regents.

Specific criteria and procedures for appointment or promotion shall be developed by the appropriate faculty committee of the university, each College, and the Library.

Documented evidence of the structure, process and consultation relating to appointment, promotion and tenure shall be routinely collected by Deans, Department Chairs, and Director of Libraries. These materials will be appropriately safeguarded and will be available upon request of the University Senate Committee dealing with faculty appointments, reappointments, promotions and tenure.

SECTION 2. Duties and Responsibilities

The primary functions of the faculty are teaching, research, and service. In addition, acceptance of appointment obligates faculty members to assume a share of faculty responsibilities for the governance of the institution and discharge such other duties as may be assigned during the term of appointment.

A member of the faculty is entitled to full academic freedom of expression guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, federal, and state law. These rights are exercised subject to high standards of professional ethics, accurate expression and respect for the rights, feelings, and opinions of others.

GRU encourages open, respectful communications by and between faculty members and administrative officials of the institution. If a faculty member seeks to file a grievance, the member should do so in accordance with institutional policies.
No part of these Statutes may be interpreted as abridging a faculty member's rights as a citizen, free from institutional censorship; however, the member's position in the community imposes an obligation of care for the interest of the university. Public signing of open letters, petitions, political advertisements, etc. should show the person's name only. Caution is urged on university members whose position in the university is such that private versus official views may be difficult to distinguish by the public. A faculty member whose civic and political activities may require a large allocation of time should consider requesting a full or partial leave of absence.

SECTION 4. Tenure

The decision to award tenure resides with the President. Tenure is intended to reward full-time, tenure-track faculty members who meet all designated tenure requirements and who have demonstrated exemplary teaching, scholarship and research accomplishments, and substantial service and/or professional growth and development.

SECTION 5. Dismissals

To achieve excellence, the faculty must have first-hand concern with its own membership. This is properly reflected both in appointments and in separation from the faculty body. The faculty must be willing to recommend dismissal where necessary. By the same token, the reviewing authorities should give full weight to faculty judgment concerning the faculty’s recommended dismissal of a colleague. A tenured or non-tenured faculty member before the end of his contract term may be dismissed for cause (as defined in Policies of the Board of Regents) provided that the university has complied with procedural due process requirements and the procedures for removal of faculty members as set forth in the By-laws of the Board of Regents and the policies of the institution.

ARTICLE VIII. STUDENTS

In keeping with the institutional purpose to educate and train students, the faculty is charged with making rules and regulations regarding educational policy and other student activities and affairs.

The university shall establish and maintain academic standards and exercise its authority to adopt and implement standards of orderly conduct and programs that promise an environment conducive to learning and meaningful individual development.

SECTION 1. Admission and Acceptance

No persons in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin (except for the legitimate consideration of Georgia residents), sexual orientation, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the Georgia Regents University.
SECTION 2. Academic Relationships

Students should expect the educational process to be structured, stimulating, and relevant to their needs, goals, and future professional service. Programs and courses should be described with sufficient clarity that students and faculty have common objectives that serve as the basis for evaluating the students in a course. The evaluation of a student's academic achievement by the faculty will be on an academic basis. The faculty and administration may provide such policy statements and guidelines to protect a student from capricious or prejudicial evaluation.

SECTION 3. Involvement in Institutional Policy and Procedures

The university recognizes that students may become involved constructively through the efforts of individuals and organizations to improve the overall effectiveness of the university. These efforts may include enhancing the academic, physical, and social environment so as to increase the effectiveness of the learning process and the development of professionalism and personal maturity. The university encourages self-government characterized by orderly democratic procedures and the exercise of mature judgment. University regulations with respect to student conduct shall be determined by the University Senate following the recommendations of the appropriate committees of the University Senate. Students may initiate the process of change in rules and regulations governing them, or initiate proceedings dealing with the infringement of their rights, both individually and collectively. Procedural rules established by the student judicial bodies of the university shall be subject to the approval of the University Senate.

SECTION 4. Dismissal of Students

Dismissal shall occur only in conformance with regulations and procedures established by the university. Dismissal may be related to failure to achieve academic performance standards or violation of codes of conduct.

ARTICLE IX. INTERPRETING THESE STATUTES

Within the university, the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the University Senate, is the final authority for interpreting these Statutes.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

Amendments to these Statutes may be proposed to the University Assembly by the President, the University Senate, through petition to the President as Executive Chair of the University Assembly, or by a faculty committee, as hereinafter provided. Proposed amendments, revisions, or other changes to the Statutes shall be distributed to all faculty members electronically at least four weeks in advance of the vote. The electronic distribution of proposed changes to the bylaws and the subsequent vote should be coordinated and managed by the Governance and Communication Committee of the University Senate.
Voting on a proposed amendment by the University Assembly may be at a regular or special meeting. Amendments, revisions, or other changes to the Statutes shall be approved by a 60% majority electronic vote of a quorum of the total Faculty as defined in II, 3 and II, 4 of the University Senate Bylaws.

Amendments so adopted shall be submitted for approval to the President and shall become effective when so approved. The university’s statutes shall then be filed with the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

SECTION 2.

These Statutes shall be reviewed and updated at least every two years by the Governance and Communications Committee.

SECTION 3.

The Governance and Communications Committee shall prepare a written report for distribution to every member of the University Assembly and shall have the authority and responsibility to propose amendments to the Statutes.

Following review by the Statutes Review Subcommittee of the GRU University Senate, the GRU Statutes were adopted as follows:

- GRU Executive Committee, endorsement
- GRU University Senate, endorsement
- GRU University Assembly, approval
- GRU President, approval