

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT



**Committee Reports Constitutional Amendment**  
**Academic and Physical Planning Committee**

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**Bill #12**  
**Spring 2017**

WHEREAS: Article 8, Sections 1 and 2 of the By-Laws of the Constitution state that “The chairpersons of the Legislative Committees will report on the bills that were presented and sent to them the previous meeting.

**1. Favorable:** When a favorable report is given by the committee, the bill is placed before the Legislature for consideration in its original form.

**2. Favorable-as-amended:** When a favorable-as-amended report is given by the committee, the bill is placed before the Legislature for consideration in its form as amended by the majority vote of the committee.

**3. Unfavorable:** When an unfavorable report is given by a committee, the bill is placed on the table, but a reason must be given by the committee. A two-thirds vote is required to bring it before the Legislature.

SECTION 2 - All functioning committees may give reports;” and

WHEREAS: Currently during Committee Reports, Committee Chairs do not report on bills presented before the “Legislative Committees” in the fashion described by Article 8, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS: Currently during Committee Reports, only Committee Chairs report on the initiatives undertaken by their respective committee; and

WHEREAS: Article 8, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Constitution only allows for Committee Chairs to give Committee Reports; and

WHEREAS: The Constitution should reflect the most recent and ongoing practices of the Legislature and should not be a limitation to, but rather a reinforcement of those practices; and

WHEREAS: It has been the recent practice of the Legislature to allow committee members who are not Chairs to speak during Committee Reports; and

WHEREAS: It is the intention of the Legislature to engage committee members who are not Chairs and give them the opportunity and encouragement to participate whenever possible; and

WHEREAS: This would also enable committee members who are not Chairs to give Committee Reports should the Committee Chairs be absent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article 8, Section 1 and 2 of the By-Laws of the Constitution be removed so as to adequately represent the most recent practices of the Legislature and be amended to state that: "A Committee Chair or any other member of their respective committee may give a Committee Report."

Respectfully Submitted,

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