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MOTION TO CHANGE THE TITLE AND FUNCTION OF THE C-12 COMMITTEE.

David G. Bogard (professor, mechanical engineering and committee chair) submitted the following motion on behalf of the Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of Teaching Assistants and Assistant Instructors Committee. The secretary has classified this resolution as general legislation. The Faculty Council will discuss the motion at its meeting on November 15, 2004.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
The Faculty Council

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Current title and description of function for the C12 Committee:

RESPONSIBILITIES, RIGHTS, AND WELFARE OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS COMMITTEE

Function:

To advise the Faculty Council and the President on matters pertaining to the responsibilities, rights, and welfare of teaching assistants and assistant instructors.

Proposed new title and function:

RESPONSIBILITIES, RIGHTS, AND WELFARE OF GRADUATE STUDENT EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

Function:

To advise the Faculty Council and the president on matters pertaining to the responsibilities, rights, and welfare of graduate student employees.

Rationale for this change:

Many of the concerns that pertain to TAs and AIs are relevant to other graduate student employees including tutor (Graduate), academic assistant, assistant (graduate), and graduate research assistant (GRA). The situation of GRAs in particular has often figured in the committee's discussions of TA/AI issues, and the committee has thought for some time that there should be some kind of faculty oversight apparatus for them. This oversight is not done by the Graduate Assembly because the Graduate Assembly is mainly concerned with the way graduate programs are managed and not with the "responsibilities, rights, and welfare" of graduate students. At present there is no group devoted to the study of issues concerning graduate student employees who are not TAs or AIs. The same reasoning that supports the existence of the current oversight committee for TAs and AIs supports the existence of an oversight committee for other graduate student employees. In the interest of simplicity, it is suggested that the charge of the current TA/AI committee be expanded to include this additional oversight. This change is supported by Graduate School Associate Dean John Dollard who was the previous chair of the Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of TAs and AIs committee.

This legislation was posted on the Faculty Council Web site (<http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/>) on November 10, 2004. Paper copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, FAC 22, F9500.