

THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

**RATIFICATION BALLOT ON CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS
APPROVED BY THE 2018 CONVENTION**

The "Instructions for Ratification Balloting" on page 4 explain quorum requirements and active status. The ballot is a **graded report**. Please review the *2018 Convention Summary* and the *Convention Minutes* documents for additional information.

Emailed from Tau Beta Pi Headquarters November 21, 2018

CHAPTER: _____

The number of active undergraduate members of this chapter is: _____

The number of active graduate-student members of this chapter is: _____

The number of active alumni members of this chapter is: _____

Therefore, the total number of active members of this chapter is: _____

This is a correct report of the vote of this chapter on the proposed changes in the Constitution as approved by the Convention:

1. Require programs that are not ABET-EAC accredited or have the same name as an ABET-EAC accredited program to be appealed and approved by the Convention.

Constitution Article II, Sec. 1 (a) (3)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative

Negative

2. Clarify that an institution or advisor determines scholastic eligibility for graduate students.

Constitution Article II, Sec. 3 (a)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative

Negative

3. Adjust when the Advisory Board approves graduate student eligibility and when documents are submitted.

Constitution Article II, Sec. 3 (b)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative

Negative

Tau Beta Pi – 2018 Ratification Ballot on Constitution Amendments

4. Clarify a District Director’s role in mediating a candidate’s objection to duties assigned by a chapter.

Constitution Article III, Sec. 2 (b)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative Negative

5. Update the language and refine the process for the petitioning and approval of new collegiate chapters.

Constitution Article VI, Secs. 1-3

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative Negative

6. Allow the Convention and Executive Council to modify official and trial programs, respectively.

Constitution Article IX, Section 7 (f) and Article X, Section 5 (k)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative Negative

7. Change the deadline for Executive Council nominations to July 1.

Constitution Article X, Section 2 (a)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative Negative

8. Adjust when Executive Council nominations are allowed from the floor of Convention.

Constitution Article X, Section 2 (d)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

Total _____

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative Negative

Tau Beta Pi – 2018 Ratification Ballot on Constitution Amendments

9. **Refine the Executive Council election process to address situations where an unopposed candidate does not receive a majority vote.**

Constitution Article X, Section 3 (a)

Affirmative votes _____

Negative votes _____

Abstentions _____

Absentees _____

Total _____

Must equal number of active members shown above

The vote of this chapter therefore is:

Affirmative Negative

After reviewing the **information on page 3**, double check the following **before** submitting your ballot:

- For each amendment, a vote is **only valid when** the total number of votes equals the number at the top of page 1.
- For each amendment, a vote is **only valid when** the number of Absentees is less than 25% of the total vote.
- For each amendment, a chapter’s vote is **only Affirmative when** the number of Affirmative votes is at least three times the sum of the Negative Votes and Abstentions.

Not checking and ensuring the accuracy of the chapter’s ballot could invalidate one or all the amendment votes. Tau Beta Pi wants **ALL** chapters to submit valid, accurate ballots!

Signed: _____
Chapter President

Signed: _____
Chapter Secretary

Date: _____

YOU MAY EMAIL A SCANNED SIGNED COPY OF THE BALLOT TO: TBP@TBP.ORG

THE DEADLINE/POSTMARK IS: APRIL 1, 2019

SIGNED BALLOTS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED THROUGH POSTAL MAIL SENT TO:

**TAU BETA PI
P.O. BOX 2697
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2697**

Tau Beta Pi – 2018 Ratification Ballot on Constitution Amendments

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RATIFICATION BALLOTING

Your chapter must first meet the quorum requirement specified in Const. Art. VII, Sec. 6(a)(3), which means that **three-fourths of the active members of the chapter must vote in order to have a valid ballot**. A prior Convention indicated that you obtain votes of members outside of a regular meeting. As such, your chapter may use email, web-based voting, or other means. The "active membership" of a chapter is defined in Const. Art. VII, Sec. 1. Your chapter may take action under this article or your local bylaws to reduce its quorum requirement by declaring members *inactive*.

To declare any member *inactive* you must receive the approval of five-sevenths of your Advisory Board. Members whom your chapter declares inactive are **still** members of Tau Beta Pi; they are not counted toward a quorum, but are eligible to be a Scholar, Fellow, or Laureate and to receive all other membership benefits. Members who do not regularly attend meetings generally qualify to be declared *inactive*. A member may be returned to *active* status. Refer to your chapter's bylaws, or call Headquarters should you need further clarification.

Chapters at **co-op schools** and chapters with **night-school** members may take advantage of the lower quorum requirements permitted by Const. Art. VII, Sec. 6(b), upon approval of the Executive Council. Please attach to your ballot a letter with enough information to justify such quorum reduction so that the Council can make an informed decision. Chapters with **inactive members** under Const. Art. VII, Sec. 2, may omit them in the count of active members.

At a chapter meeting where the three-fourths quorum requirement is satisfied, your chapter will be counted in favor of a proposed Constitution amendment only if **three-fourths** or more of the active members present and entitled to vote (affirmative votes plus negative votes plus abstentions) **cast affirmative** votes. The total number of affirmative votes, negative votes, abstentions, and absentees must equal the total active membership of the chapter as reported at the top of the ballot. Abstentions count as a vote and must be recorded. In all calculations of quorum and three-fourths majority, any fraction must be counted as the next higher whole number.

Example: **A chapter has 22 active members, then:**

17 (not 16) constitute a quorum. (Always round up)

If all 22 vote, 17 affirmative votes are needed to ratify;

If 21 vote, 16 affirmative votes are needed to ratify;

If 20 vote, 15 affirmative votes are needed to ratify; and

If 19 vote, 15 affirmative votes are needed to ratify; and

If 18 vote, 14 affirmative votes are needed to ratify; and

If 17 vote, 13 affirmative votes are needed to ratify; and

If less than 17 vote, a quorum for voting on the changes is not present.

Contact Headquarters if you have any questions regarding a quorum or other aspect of the ballot. If you cannot get the necessary quorum, please vote AND EMAIL THE BALLOT ANYWAY. This is extremely important in case the Council extends the deadline. Any extension will reduce the number of points your chapter will receive towards the Chapter Excellence Award.