THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

RATIFICATION BALLOT ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE 2012 CONVENTION

The “Instructions for Ratification Balloting” on page 3 explain quorum requirements and active status. The ballot is a graded report. Please review the 2012 Convention Summary and the Convention Minutes documents for additional information.

Emailed from Tau Beta Pi Headquarters October 15, 2012

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 2012 Convention:

1. **Consider graduate students eligible if they are “enrolled” rather than “in residence.”**
   Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 3 (a) (Convention minutes page 15)
   Affirmative votes: ___________
   Negative votes: ___________
   Abstentions: ___________
   Absentees: ___________
   Must equal number of active members shown above
   (Absentees must not exceed 25% of the total for a valid ballot)
   Total: ___________
   The vote of this Chapter therefore is: Affirmative □ Negative □
   (Affirmative votes must be at least three times the sum of Negative votes and Abstentions for an Affirmative Chapter vote!)

2. **Allow certain required actions to be completed without written documentation.**
   Constitution Articles VI, Sec. 3; VII, Sec. 1 (a) and (b); Bylaws III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(9) and V, Sec. 5.03 (d)(6)
   (Convention minutes page 16)
   Affirmative votes: ___________
   Negative votes: ___________
   Abstentions: ___________
   Absentees: ___________
   Must equal number of active members shown above
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   Total: ___________
   The vote of this Chapter therefore is: Affirmative □ Negative □
   (Affirmative votes must be at least three times the sum of Negative votes and Abstentions for an Affirmative Chapter vote!)

3. **Update Association officials’ terms to begin at any point and be up to three years in length.**
   Constitution Article IV, Sec. 2 (g); Bylaw XIV, Sec. 14.03
   (Convention minutes page 17)
   Affirmative votes: ___________
   Negative votes: ___________
   Abstentions: ___________
   Absentees: ___________
   Must equal number of active members shown above
   (Absentees must not exceed 25% of the total for a valid ballot)
   Total: ___________
   The vote of this Chapter therefore is: Affirmative □ Negative □
   (Affirmative votes must be at least three times the sum of Negative votes and Abstentions for an Affirmative Chapter vote!)
4. Clarified the amending process by removing the words “undergraduate” and “collegiate.”
   Constitution Article XVIII, Sec. 1 (b); Bylaw XV, Sec. 15.01
   (Convention minutes pages 17-18)

   Affirmative votes __________
   Negative votes __________
   Abstentions __________
   Absentees __________

   Must equal number of active members shown above
   (Absentees must not exceed 25% of the total for a valid ballot)
   Total __________

   The vote of this Chapter therefore is: Affirmative □ Negative □
   (Affirmative votes must be at least three times the sum of Negative votes and Abstentions for an Affirmative Chapter vote!)

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5. Establish a position of Director of Alumni Affairs.
   Constitution Articles IV, Sec. 1, Secs. 2 (g), and 2 (g)(3); Article IV, Sec. 2 (g)(5); Bylaw III, Sec. 3.07
   (Convention minutes pages 21-22)

   Affirmative votes __________
   Negative votes __________
   Abstentions __________
   Absentees __________

   Must equal number of active members shown above
   (Absentees must not exceed 25% of the total for a valid ballot)
   Total __________

   The vote of this Chapter therefore is: Affirmative □ Negative □
   (Affirmative votes must be at least three times the sum of Negative votes and Abstentions for an Affirmative Chapter vote!)

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6. Change the name of “Alumnus” Chapters to “Alumni” Chapters.
   Constitution Articles II, Sec. 1; III, Sec. 2 (a) and (d); III, Sec. 3 (b); IV, Sec. 2 (g)(3); VII, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and
   XVIII, Sec. 4; Bylaws I, Secs. 1.03 and 1.06 (b); III, Sec. 3.01 (e)(13) and (14); III, Sec. 3.01 (n); and XV, Sec. 15.03
   (Convention minutes pages 22-24)

   Affirmative votes __________
   Negative votes __________
   Abstentions __________
   Absentees __________

   Must equal number of active members shown above
   (Absentees must not exceed 25% of the total for a valid ballot)
   Total __________

   The vote of this Chapter therefore is: Affirmative □ Negative □
   (Affirmative votes must be at least three times the sum of Negative votes and Abstentions for an Affirmative Chapter vote!)

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PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Signed: ___________________________  Signed: ___________________________  Date: __________
   Chapter President  Chapter Secretary

YOU MAY EMAIL A SCANNED SIGNED COPY OF THE BALLOT TO: TBP@TBP.ORG
THE DEADLINE/POSTMARK IS: APRIL 1, 2013
SIGNED BALLOTS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED THROUGH POSTAL MAIL SENT TO:
TAU BETA PI P.O. BOX 2697 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901-2697
INSTRUCTIONS FOR RATIFICATION BALLOTING

Your chapter must first meet the quorum requirement specified in Bylaw V, Sec. 5.07, 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. VI, 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 Bylaw V, Sec. 5.07, 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 Bylaw VI, Sec. 6.05, 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:** Chapter has 10 active members, then:

8 (not 7) **constitute a quorum.** (Always round up)

If all 10 are present, **8 affirmative votes are needed** to ratify;
If 9 are present, **7 affirmative votes are needed** to ratify; and
If 8 are present, **6 affirmative votes are needed** to ratify.

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 eliminates your chapter from a Secretary’s Commendation.