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## Constitution Amendment Ratification

Tau Bates:

The 2018 Convention approved nine amendments to the Constitution of Tau Beta Pi and sent it to the chapters for ratification. In accord with the Association's amending procedure, with 292 chapters (248 collegiate and 44 alumni) eligible to vote, 219 or more affirmative chapter votes are required to ratify an amendment, and 73 or more negative votes would defeat it.

Headquarters received 200 valid ballots by the voting deadline of April 1, 2019 (plus 23 invalid for lack of a chapter quorum). An additional 10 valid ballots (plus 4 invalid) were received after the deadline prior to the Executive Council meeting. The Council acted on April 10 and voted on behalf of those chapters submitting an invalid ballot or no ballot. The ratified amendments are effective now.

AMENDMENT	OUTCOME
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. (Const. Art. II, Sec. 1(a)(3))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 176 affirmative, 34 negative.
2. Clarify that an institution or advisor determines scholastic eligibility for graduate students. (Const. Art. II, Sec. 3(a))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 199 affirmative, 11 negative.
3. Adjust when the Advisory Board approves graduate student eligibility and when documents are submitted. (Const. Art. II, Sec. 3(b))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 188 affirmative, 22 negative.
4. Clarify a District Director's role in mediating a candidate's objection to duties assigned by a chapter. (Const. Art. III, Sec. 2(b))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 195 affirmative, 15 negative.
5. Update the language and refine the process for the petitioning and approval of new collegiate chapters. (Const. Art. VI, Secs. 1-3)	Unresolved by chapter vote; 195 affirmative, 15 negative.
6. Allow the Convention and Executive Council to modify official and trial programs, respectively. (Const. Art. IX, Section 7(f) and Art. X, Sec. 5(k))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 186 affirmative, 24 negative.
7. Change the deadline for Executive Council nominations to July 1. (Const. Art. X, Sec. 2(a))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 186 affirmative, 24 negative.
8. Adjust when Executive Council nominations are allowed from the floor of Convention. (Const. Art. X, Sec. 2(d))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 183 affirmative, 27 negative.
9. Refine the Executive Council election process to address situations where an unopposed candidate does not receive a majority vote. (Const. Art. X, Sec. 3(a))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 191 affirmative, 19 negative.

**All nine amendments ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.**

Sincerely,

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