TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION

RATIFICATION BALLOT ON CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS
APPROVED BY THE 2019 CONVENTION

The “Instructions for Ratification Balloting” on page 4 explain quorum requirements and active status. The ballot is a graded report. Please review the 2019 Convention Summary and the Convention Minutes documents for additional information.

Emailed from Tau Beta Pi Headquarters December 13, 2019

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. Update the Association’s seal.
   Constitution Article XIV, Sec. 2 (f)

   Affirmative votes: __________  Negative votes: __________
   Abstentions: __________  Absentees: __________
   Must equal number of active members shown above
   Total: __________

   The vote of this chapter therefore is: Affirmative ☐  Negative ☐

   Fig 1: Current Seal  Fig 2: Proposed Seal

2. Adjust the Trustee requirements to allow management by a registered investment advisor.
   Constitution Article XIII, Sec. 7 (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. Update allowable trust investments to include Exchange Traded Funds and Real Estate Investment Trusts.
   Constitution Article XIII, Sec. 8

   Affirmative votes
   Negative votes
   Abstentions
   Absentees

   Must equal number of active members shown above
   Total

   The vote of this chapter therefore is:
   Affirmative  □
   Negative  □

4. Allow the Convention to select a future Convention site more than three years in advance.
   Constitution Article IX, Sec. 7 (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  □

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: ________________________  Signed: ________________________  Date: __________
   Chapter President                 Chapter Secretary

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

THE DEADLINE/POSTMARK IS: APRIL 1, 2020
THIS IS A REQUIRED/GRADED REPORT.
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 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.