

**THE TAU BETA PI ASSOCIATION**

**RATIFICATION BALLOT ON CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT  
SUBMITTED TO THE CHAPTERS BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The "Instructions for Ratification Balloting" on page 2 explain quorum requirements and active status. The ballot is a **graded report**. Please review the *Information on the Executive Council Election Process* document for additional information.

Emailed from Tau Beta Pi Headquarters June 1, 2021

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. Adjust the Executive Council election process to utilize preferential (ranked choice) voting instead of the current process outlined in the Constitution.**

Constitution Article X, 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

After reviewing the **information on page 2**, double check the following **before** submitting your ballot:

- A vote is **only valid when** the total number of votes equals the number at the top of page 1.
- A vote is **only valid when** the number of Absentees is less than 25% of the total vote.
- 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 the vote. 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: OCTOBER 15, 2021**

**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 – 2021 Ratification Ballot on Constitution Amendment

### 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.