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### Constitution & Bylaws Amendment Ratification

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The 2014 Convention approved six amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of Tau Beta Pi and sent it to the chapters for ratification. With 281 chapters (243 collegiate and 38 alumni) eligible to vote, 211 or more affirmative chapter votes were required to ratify an amendment, and 71 or more negative votes would defeat the amendments.

Headquarters received 245 valid ballots (plus 15 invalid for lack of a chapter quorum) by the April 1, 2015, deadline. The Council acted on the proposed amendment on April 22 and voted on behalf of those chapters submitting an invalid or no ballot. The results of the chapter ratification balloting are as follows:

	<b>AMENDMENT</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1.	Remove the details of the Headquarters retirement plan from the Constitution. (Const. Art. V, Secs. 1 & 2)	Unresolved by chapter vote; 180 affirmative, 65 negative. Ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.
2.	Allow alumni chapters to specify an officer election period in their chapter bylaws. (Const. Art. VII, Sec. 2(a))	Ratified by chapter vote; 232 affirmative, 13 negative.
3.	Modify the size and term length of the fellowship board. (Const. Art. IV, Sec. 2(g (2))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 195 affirmative, 50 negative. Ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.
4.	Clarify the eligibility requirements for graduate students (Const. Art. VIII, Secs. 4(a)(5) & 5(a)(5)	Ratified by chapter vote; 235 affirmative, 10 negative.
5.	Provide flexibility in the position of Editor of the Association. (Const. Art. IV, Sec. 2(d)(4); Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01(a); and Bylaw IX, Sec. 9.02)	Ratified by chapter vote; 216 affirmative, 29 negative.
6.	Adjust provisions regarding the salary determination of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. (Const. Art. III, Sec. 5(a); and Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01(b))	Unresolved by chapter vote; 185 affirmative, 60 negative. Ratified by Council vote for invalid and missing chapters.

The ratified amendments are effective now.

Sincerely,

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