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Arts & Sciences Division

Memorandum

June 8, 2016

To: Louise Pagotto, Chancellor
From: Susan Inouye, Faculty Senate Chair
Subject: Ratification of Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws

On May 15, 2016, the Faculty Senate Election Committee reported that the Constitution and Bylaws passed by a vote of 71 to 8 (89.87%). 79 votes were cast out of 341 eligible voters. Article VI.2.B of the 2003 Constitution states that proposed amendments to the constitution shall take effect upon favorable vote of a majority (i.e. more than 50%) of those voting.

During the voting period, some typographical errors were discovered that the Faculty Senate would like to have the opportunity to correct before the amended Constitution (and Bylaws) are forwarded to the President for approval, as per 2003 Constitution Article VI, Section 3. The corrections would be limited to ensuring that the voting percentages are consistent across the two documents, especially regarding the supermajority language.

2016 Constitution Article II, Section 2.C.2 states that removal of Senators, committee members and committee chairs require a supermajority vote of $\geq 66\%$. We discovered some contradicting voting percentages in the Bylaws voting percentage language. The errors and suggested changes are listed here.

- Bylaws Article II, Section 4.B.6 says standing committee members may be removed by a $2/3$ vote; **Change to by a supermajority vote ($\geq 66\%$).**
- Bylaws Article II, Section 4.C.3 says standing committee chairs may be removed by a majority ($>50\%$ vote); **Change to by a supermajority vote ($\geq 66\%$).**
- Bylaws Article II, Section 5.E.4 says, "A two-thirds ($2/3$ rds) vote of the Senate shall constitute approval of the petition". **Change to A supermajority vote ($\geq 66\%$) of the Senate....**
- Bylaws Article II, Section 5.G.1 says ad hoc committee members may be removed by a majority ($>50\%$) vote; **Change to by a supermajority vote ($\geq 66\%$).**
- Bylaws Article II, Section 5.G.2 says ad hoc committee chairs may be removed by a majority ($>50\%$) vote. **Change to by a supermajority vote ($\geq 66\%$).**

Attachments:

Faculty Senate Constitution (Spring 2016), Faculty Senate Bylaws (Spring 2016), Faculty Senate Constitution (2003)

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