FA Bylaw Amendments, April 25, 2018

“Faculty cast 165 ballots in the paper vote (about 77% return rate)...

Voting Results:
Item 1 (Electronic Voting of Officers) Y 137, N 12, A 16
Item 2 (Amendment of Bylaws) Y 128, N 13, A 23” (FA Minutes, April 25, 2018)

Amendment #1: Electronic Voting
The FA Bylaws stipulate that FAEC Elections must be conducted by paper ballot. For the sake of efficiency, expediency, and reduced environmental impact, FAEC proposed adopting electronic voting for future FAEC Elections. The electronic ballots for officer elections will be conducted by emailed survey that ensures one-person-one-vote as well as anonymity.

CURRENT ARTICLE III, Section 2, A-C: “The President and the Secretary shall be elected by referendum of all voting members of the Faculty Assembly. Such referendum shall be conducted by mail-in ballot... Two Councilors At Large shall be elected by referendum of all voting members of the Faculty Assembly. Such referendum shall be conducted by mail-in ballot...”

APPROVED REVISION: Replacing the text “mail-in ballot” with “electronic ballot.”

Amendment #2: Amendment of the Bylaws
The FA Bylaws stipulate that a two-thirds majority of the faculty by paper ballot is required for amending the bylaws, which has proven practically impossible in the past. Therefore, there are numerous inaccuracies and anachronisms in the bylaws that have not been and cannot be updated or revised. FAEC proposed adopting in-person, electronic voting (by clicker) at Faculty Assembly, while maintaining the requirement that any bylaw amendments must be submitted in writing at the previous Faculty Assembly meeting (assuring all faculty are well informed of proposed revisions and have the opportunity to vote). No voting to amend the bylaws will take place if we do not have a quorum at the Faculty Assembly meeting scheduled for the vote.

CURRENT ARTICLE IV: “These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the full membership submitted by mail-in ballot, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous Faculty Assembly meeting....”

APPROVED REVISION: “These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote in the Faculty Assembly by electronic ballot, provided that (1) the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous Faculty Assembly meeting, and (2) that there is a quorum at the Faculty Assembly meeting...”