

FACULTY MEETING  
May 15, 2013

**MOTION**

In order to codify the use of electronic polling technology for voting, the Faculty Executive Committee moves that the following changes be made to the *Faculty Handbook* (Part Two, I, “Faculty Meeting By-Laws,” Article VI, “Taking Votes”):

**OLD LANGUAGE**

- A. The Faculty Meeting shall vote by ballot on any motion to change the curriculum or Part One of the Faculty Handbook if at least one voting member makes such a request. On all other motions, the Faculty Meeting shall take a vote on a motion for a ballot vote.
- B. The Faculty Meeting shall otherwise vote by ayes and nays. Any member, however, can demand a rising vote (standing vote or a division of the assembly). This vote must be counted. In the case of a tie vote (ballot) the Chair may vote with either side. If the Chair chooses not to vote, lacking a majority, the motion is defeated.
- C. The members of the Faculty Executive Committee shall tally all votes taken by a show of hands or by ballot, except in cases where the motion before the Faculty Meeting comes from the FEC. In the latter instance, the Chair shall appoint up to six faculty members to make the count.

**NEW LANGUAGE**

- A. The Faculty Meeting shall vote by ballot, using electronic polling technology. In the event of a technology failure, an ayes and nays vote will be taken, either by voice vote or—under circumstances determined by the Chair—paper ballot.
- B. In the case of a tie vote, the Chair *may* vote with either side. If the Chair chooses not to vote, lacking a majority, the motion is defeated.
- C. is deleted.*

Rationale: Last spring, FEC recommended that iClickers be used for votes on the floor of the faculty. FEC was motivated to make this recommendation based largely on requests it received from junior faculty. Voting this way ensures greater privacy, and it is an efficient and accurate way to determine quorum. This year, we have tested the technology, and we have concluded that the test was a success, based on our own sense as well as feedback from the faculty. Hence, we would like to regularize voting via electronic polling technology and, thus, bring forth this motion to change our by-laws. This technology would be used on all votes.