



Northeastern University
Office of the Faculty Senate

TO: President Aoun and the Board of Trustees
Provost James Bean

FROM: Susan Powers-Lee, Faculty Senate Agenda Committee Chair
Susan Powers-Lee

SUBJECT: Ratification of the Proposed Faculty Senate Bylaws Amendment

DATE: April 26, 2018

On behalf of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee, I am writing to certify the outcome of the balloting procedure for ratification of the proposed Faculty Senate Bylaws amendment, and to also certify the integrity of the balloting procedure. As detailed below, the attached proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws was ratified by the faculty from whom the Senators are elected in accordance with the Faculty Handbook protocol required for the ratification.

At the 3/21/2018 Faculty Senate meeting, there was a greater than the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote of all Senators voting 'yea' or 'nay' in a roll-call vote to propose the attached bylaws amendment to the faculty from whom the Senators are elected. The vote to propose the bylaws amendment was 28 yea, 2 nay and 1 abstain. Before this vote, the proposed amendment was given in writing to each Senator with at least two successive weeks' notice, and the announcement of the proposed amendment and its text appeared on at least two successive Senate agendas circulated to the faculty immediately prior to the discussion and vote.

The proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws was ratified by a greater than the necessary two-thirds majority of tenured/tenure track faculty voting 'yea' or 'nay' by returned secret ballot. The vote to ratify the proposed bylaws amendment was 238 yea (75% of the ballots), 70 nay (22% of the ballots) and 10 abstain (3% of the ballots). The participation of 318 tenured/tenure-track faculty in the ratification balloting exceeded the required participation of a minimum of 25% of the faculty eligible to vote, with 198 constituting 25% of the 792 faculty eligible to vote. The ballot prepared by the Agenda Committee detailed the proposed bylaw amendment and the changes it would effectuate. The deadline for the return of ballots was not shorter than ten University working days and was provided on the ballot itself.