

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

As a member of the **FACULTY SENATE OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**, please vote on the following change to the Bylaws, which is intended to allow for correspondence to be via electronic mail (e-mail) under emergency circumstances where a quick vote is critical. Passage requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Faculty Senate.

Proposed Amendment:

The following section will be added to the Bylaws, with the current Section 10 (Adoption and Amendment) becoming Section 11.

"Section 10. Methods of Communication

If a vote of the Faculty Senate is urgently required for an important matter which, in the opinion of the Faculty Senate President, cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting of the senate, then the Faculty Senate President may, with the approval of the Agenda Committee, poll the Faculty Senate by electronic mail (e-mail), including scanned documents or facsimile attachments relevant to the issue in question. Such a vote shall only be taken after the Faculty Senate President provides to all Faculty Senators (1) an explicit justification for the need for such an action, (2) pros and cons of the issue at stake, and (3) an opportunity for e-mail deliberations among Faculty Senators for at least one week prior to the official vote." The resulting vote will be made public by posting the final tally on the Faculty Senate webpage. Minutes shall also be prepared and posted by the Faculty Senate Secretary of the Faculty Senate that summarizes the main points of the e-mail deliberations.