



April 8, 2021

Ana Mari Cauce, President  
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Dear President Cauce:

In accordance with the rules, the faculty has approved the *Faculty Code* amendment in Class A Bulletin No. 151: Voting Time Limits.

The results of the election submitted to the faculty for vote on February 5, 2021 are:

Total ballots distributed electronically:	4,919
Total ballots returned:	1,049
Percent of faculty who voted:	21%
Percentage of "yes" votes:	89.20%
Percentage of "no" votes:	6.55%
Percentage of "abstentions:"	4.25%

(The above percentage figures are based on ballots recorded electronically by the Catalyst Group.)

Attached is Chair Robin Angotti's certification that the faculty has voted to approve the changes as proposed in Class A Bulletin No. 151. Before the *Faculty Code and Governance* can be revised, we need your approval. According to the *Faculty Code*, you have fourteen days to respond.

Sincerely,

Mike Townsend  
Secretary of the Faculty

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Cc: Robin Angotti, Faculty Senate Chair  
Margaret Shepherd, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the President  
Barbara Lechtanski, Director, University Policy and Rules Office  
Maegan Reilly, Assistant to Chief Strategy Officer

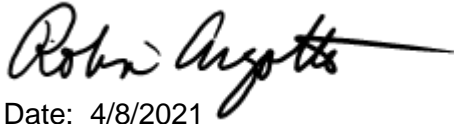
**Class A Legislation #151**

**Proposed amendments to the Faculty Code.**

Chapter 29  
(Related to: Voting Time Limits)


CERTIFIED AS APPROVED:

Robin Angotti, Chair  
Faculty Senate

  
Date: 4/8/2021

APPROVED:

Ana Mari Cauce  
President

  
Date: 4/22/2021

## **GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

At its meeting on January 21, 2021, the Faculty Senate approved legislation that would amend the Faculty Code related to voting time limits. These changes have been approved at every step of the legislative process. The Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs has developed and approved this legislation.

### **Background and Rationale**

This amendment will reduce the time limit for the Secretary of the Faculty to send out the (electronic) ballots from 14 days to 7, and we are proposing to codify the Secretary's current practice of sending out a reminder a few days before the voting deadline. A study of recent voting patterns has revealed that the vast majority of votes on Class A legislation are cast either during the few days after the ballots are sent out, or during the last couple of days after the reminder is sent.

### **Counter Arguments to Proposal**

The legislation does not codify the current practice of sending items out to the faculty within two days after second consideration by the Senate.

### **The Proposed Class A Legislation**

Be it resolved by the Faculty Senate to submit to the faculty for approval or rejection that Chapter 29 of the Faculty Code be amended to read as shown below.

**Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Code:**  
**(Additions are underlined; deletions are struck through)**

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Code and Governance**  
**Faculty Code Chapter 29**

## Chapter 29

### Amendment of the Faculty Code

#### Section 29-36 Faculty Vote on Amendments

- A. Within ~~44~~ 7 calendar days after the Senate approves a proposed amendment to the Faculty Code, the Secretary shall send to each voting member of the faculty:
1. A statement:
    - a. Setting forth the text of the proposed amendment;
    - b. Presenting the arguments for the amendment and, if any, the arguments against it; and
    - c. Specifying the final date upon which ballots may be cast; and
  2. A ballot upon which a vote may be cast either for or against the proposal.
- ~~B.~~ Not less than 2 calendar days nor more than 5 calendar days before the end of the voting period, the Secretary shall send a reminder about the voting deadline to voting members who have not yet voted.
- ~~B.C.~~ Following the voting instructions provided by the Secretary, eligible faculty shall vote on the proposed amendment. In order to be counted, the vote shall be submitted no later than the 21st calendar day after the date on which the Secretary distributed ballots to the faculty.
- ~~C.D.~~ To become effective, a proposed amendment to the Faculty Code shall require either an affirmative majority vote of the eligible voting members of the faculty, or a two-thirds majority vote of those casting ballots.

*Section 13-31, April 16, 1956; S-A 70, December 1, 1984; S-A 73, May 24, 1985; S-A 88, May 25, 1993; S-A 110, July 9, 2003: all with Presidential approval.*

*Approved by:*  
Senate Executive Committee  
November 16, 2020

*Approved by:*  
Faculty Senate  
December 3, 2020

*Approved by:*  
Senate Executive Committee  
January 4, 2021

*Approved by:*  
Faculty Senate  
January 21, 2021