



## **2026 Council Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

### **A. MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE X. SECTION 1. ELECTION, TERM AND VACANCIES – NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

#### **1. Current Language:**

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#### **2. Proposed Language:**

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to Nominating Committee, Council shall appoint the Chair. ~~A plurality vote shall elect.~~

**3. Rationale:**

This proposed amendment clarifies the voting process for electing the eight members of the Nominating Committee and clarifies Council’s role in appointing a Chair.

The proposed amendment specifies that a majority vote is required to elect Nominating Committee members. Regions have historically used a plurality vote, resulting in the election of the candidate with the highest number of votes after only one round of voting. A majority vote would necessitate run-off voting until a single candidate achieves support from more than half of the region. Moving to a majority vote aligns the Nominating Committee elections process with the Fraternity elections process.

Second, the proposed amendment removes the sentence “A plurality vote shall elect,” which in its current placement appears to apply to Council’s selection of the Chair. Because the Chair is appointed by Council and not elected, the existing language is confusing and contradictory. In short, the current language states that the Council both “appoints” and “elects” the chair, which is conflicting language.

This proposed amendment makes no substantive change to who is elected or how the committee functions; it simply clarifies the voting method and removes language that has caused confusion in past cycles.

**B. MOTION TO AMEND – ARTICLE III. STRUCTURE; ARTICLE X. SECTION 1. ELECTION, TERM AND VACANCIES – NOMINATING COMMITTEE; AND ARTICLE XIX. SECTION 1. REGIONS – DEFINITIONS.**

**1. ARTICLE III. STRUCTURE**

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**3. ARTICLE XIX. REGIONS**

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**4. Rationale For Proposed Amendments:**

Regional groupings are currently defined by geography alone. Chapters or groups physically located near each other may have vastly different needs based upon group size, university or community setting, and a host of other factors. The explicit mandate to be “grouped geographically” limits Delta Gamma’s ability to consider alternative regional support structures.

These proposed changes remove the words “geographic”, “geographical” and “geographically”, so governing documents are less restrictive and more flexible. These changes do not affect how regions are currently organized but allows for more nimble adjustments as the Fraternity’s needs evolve. By not limiting the field of vision to physical location, regional structures that allocate and optimize the use of financial and human resources can be considered.