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To: University Faculty
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RE: Voting Threshold for Revision of the "Organization of the Faculty"

Background:

In the past it was necessary to have at least ***2/3 of the faculty eligible to vote approve changes*** to the Organization of the Faculty. Many motions in the recent past have been defeated, not due to any organized opposition, but by perceived apathy.

It was seen as necessary to change the criteria for making changes to the Organization of the Faculty without jeopardizing active participation by a majority of the voting faculty. It was also felt that a simple majority was too low a threshold for such an important Governance Document. The following motion is seen as a reasonable compromise.

Motion:

Changes to the Organization of the Faculty can only be approved if both of the following criteria are met:

Criteria #1 - At least 75% of ***eligible voting faculty*** must vote on any motion to change the Organization of the Faculty

....**AND**....

Criteria #2 - At least ***2/3 of those who participate in the voting*** must approve changes to the Organization of the Faculty.