

To: Voting Body of the Philadelphia University Faculty
From: Nancy Howard, 2014-16 Faculty Chair
Date: December 5, 2014
RE: Voting Threshold for Changes to the *Organization of the Faculty*

Background

During the recent revision of the *Faculty Handbook* (currently out for a final review & a faculty vote due in January 2015), it was discovered that one phrase affecting the *Organization of the Faculty* was inadvertently omitted during the 2010-2012 revision of the *Organization of the Faculty*.

Due to the monumental importance of this document to Shared Governance at this institution, it is appropriate that a significant number of faculty participate in approving any future changes to this document, and that more than a simple majority of those eligible to vote participate in approving such changes.

For those of you who are quantitatively inclined:

- 128 individuals are included in the Fall 2014 voting body
- 64 individuals make up a quorum (one-half)
- 86 individuals would be required to approve a change to the *Organization of the Faculty* (two-thirds)

Motion (if approved, to be included in all pertinent documents):

A quorum is one-half of the voting body of the faculty. When a quorum is present, a simple majority of those present and voting is sufficient to decide any vote in a faculty meeting, electronic balloting, and in meetings of standing & other special committees of the faculty unless specified herein. Approval by two thirds of the voting body is needed to make changes to the Organization of the Faculty.