

Notes from 10/20/17 meeting in Kanakeio

On Friday, College Council members had a productive discussion on each of our agenda items. I know the meeting was rescheduled and not convenient for many to attend, but we discussed at length the various proposals: on quorum, voting rights, and the institutional capacity assessment survey (ICAT). I am also including last month's information on the former two issues in case you missed them (see below).

We concurred on proposing a 50% +1 quorum instead of 5/8ths (or another number) to allow CoCo flexibility to respond to fluctuations in membership. According to Roberts Rules, the intent of quorum is to ensure that a minority doesn't "abuse the right of the majority" and "most associations should therefore have a Provision in their by-laws for a relatively small quorum" (below). Presently, 50+1 is approximately 7 people.

Also, per our Charter, ex-officio members are not excluded from voting, though they do not count toward quorum. Voting for these members has not been practiced in the past.

Regarding the iCAT, without a dedicated IR lead, it will be impossible to create, deploy and analyze another, campus-specific assessment survey as well and as quickly as the ICAT. I believe the Chancellor may speak with many of you individually to get your thoughts on the issue in the next few weeks. Also, please keep in mind the Vice Chancellor's reminder to always have a proxy if unable to attend meetings.

Finally, we do not need to vote on ex officio rights nor the iCAT instrument, but I **will** send an email vote for quorum change soon. I would like that settled prior to our NOV meeting.

Please "reply to all" with feedback.

Thanks for your time,
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EX OFFICIO

[Robert's Rules](#) states that ex-officio members should not be included in the count when determining the number needed for a quorum and they should not be counted when determining if a quorum is present. Both members and non-members of organizations that serve as ex-officio board members typically have voting privileges; however, that right can be excluded when it is stated as such in the bylaws.

QUORUM

Robert's rules state that if the by-laws do not specify what the quorum shall be, it is a majority of the members of the association. In some organizations, however, it is often not possible to obtain the attendance of a majority of the membership at a meeting.

Most associations should therefore have a provision in their by-laws for a relatively small quorum. An actual number can be listed, or a percentage of the membership can be specified. No single number or percentage will be suitable for all associations. A quorum should be a small enough number to permit the business of the association to proceed, but large enough to prevent a small minority from abusing the right of the majority of the members by passing motions that do not represent the thinking of the majority.

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