

Proposed Package of Constitutional Amendments

Sections of the current constitution for which amendments are being proposed are excerpted here, with the proposed changes (highlighted in yellow) shown on the following page. The full constitution, in its current form, can be accessed here: <http://emuft.mi.aft.org/files/emuftconstitution.pdf>

CURRENT TEXT:

Article X Annual Membership Convention

Section 1. An Annual Membership Convention shall be convened in order to make reports to the membership and to discuss and vote on amendments to the constitution, resolutions, the annual plan, budget and dues rate as provided for in this Constitution.

Section 3. The Union Council shall determine the time, place, and agenda of the Convention, and give at least thirty (30) days' notice to the members. The Convention shall be scheduled for the second Friday after EMU's Winter Recess.

Article XI Elections

Section 2. Elections of Union Council officers must be completed on or before the second Friday after the Winter Recess of each academic year. Ballots shall be counted and the results reported by the elections committee at the Annual Convention.

Section 8. The term of office for all Union Council officers will begin April 1 and will end March 31 of the following year.

Article XIV Budget Process

Section 1. The Union Council shall submit an Annual Budget for the Union, including a proposed dues policy, to the membership at the Annual Membership Convention for discussion, possible amendment and approval.

Section 2. The Union Council shall publish its proposed budget to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual convention.

Section 3. A majority of the votes cast at the Annual Membership Convention shall be required for approval of the budget.

Article XV Finances and Dues Rate

Section 4. The Treasurer shall submit an Annual Budget for the Union, including any proposal for changes to the dues policy, to the Union Council at least 45 calendar days before the Annual Membership Convention for discussion and possible amendments prior to the Annual Membership Convention.

Section 5. If it proposes a change to the dues rate, the Union Council shall publish its proposed dues rate with explanations to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Membership Convention.

Section 6. A majority of the votes cast at the Annual Membership Convention shall approve changes to the Dues Rate.

PROPOSED AMENDED TEXT:

Article X Annual Membership Convention

Section 1. An Annual Membership Convention shall be convened in order to make reports to the membership and to discuss and vote on the dues rate and any proposed resolutions or amendments to the Constitution, as provided for in this Constitution, and may serve as the venue for discussion of, and voting on, the annual budget.

Section 3. The Union Council shall determine the time, place, and agenda of the Convention, and give at least thirty (30) days' notice to the members. The Convention will be held between March 1 and April 15.

Article XI Elections

Section 2. Elections of Union Council officers must be completed by the conclusion of the Annual Membership Convention. Ballots shall be counted and the results reported by the elections committee within one week of the Annual Convention.

Section 8. The term of office for all Union Council officers will begin May 1 and will end April 30 of the following year.

Article XIV Budget Process

Section 1. The Union Council shall submit an Annual Budget for the Union, including a proposed dues policy, to the membership by June 30 of the year preceding the year to which the budget relates for discussion, possible amendment and approval.

Section 2. The Union Council shall publish its proposed budget to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the deadline set in any given year for voting on the approval/rejection of the proposed budget.

Section 3. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for approval of the budget.

Article XV Finances and Dues Rate

Section 4. The Treasurer shall submit an Annual Budget for the Union, including any proposal for changes to the dues policy, to the Union Council at least 45 calendar days before the deadline set in any given year for voting on the approval/rejection of the proposed budget for discussion and possible amendments prior to issuance to the membership.

Section 5. If it proposes a change to the dues rate, the Union Council shall publish its proposed dues rate with explanations to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the deadline set for voting on the approval/rejection of the proposed Dues Rate change.

Section 6. A majority of the votes cast shall be required to approve changes to the Dues Rate.