

To: Ball State University Senators  
From: ACC Committee (Alternate Constitution Committee)  
Date: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Re: Upcoming Vote on Senate Restructuring

This Thursday, the Senate will deliberate on changing the Senate structure via a constitutional change. The Senate has not had a major restructuring since early 2000s and it is due. Two Committees have been working on this with differing views and this is seen as positive, so we can bring different thoughts to the Senate. After deliberation, we will vote on one of the four alternatives:

- 1) Keep the 2004 Constitution the Same
- 2) Endorse the ACC version of the Constitution
- 3) Endorse the SRAHC Version (Senate Restructuring Ad Hoc Committee)
- 4) Merge the Two Versions

We, the ACC committee, do not view the two proposals as irreconcilable and encourage you to vote to Merge the Two Versions. Although SRAHC has taken the position at the last Senate Agenda Committee that they are irreconcilable, we, the ACC do not. We think and hope that common ground can be found so a single proposal can be brought to you. If this merger vote is approved, a committee of 9 people (3 from each committee and 3 mutually agreeable parties) should be selected to help these come together.

The ACC committee would like to hear your input on our proposal and hear ways to make it better. We would like to present this to the Councils (Faculty, Staff and Student) so we can gather further input. At the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the G&E committee there was full discussion of the two proposals and unanimous resolution that both proposals should proceed through the Councils and then to the Senate. Unfortunately, at the recent (January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019) meeting of the Senate Agenda Committee, they did not endorse the procedure of taking the proposals through the Councils and wanted to bring it directly to Senate.

We believe it is critically important that you understand that the SRAHC proposal reduces the faculty to a minority representation in the Senate. While adding two new constituencies, alumni and community, the ACC proposal reduces the percentage of faculty membership but maintains a majority. Considering events of the last decade we strongly believe this is crucial. We hope you take the time to read both proposals fully and we look forward to the meeting.