

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE**  
**SUMMARY OF BY-LAW CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS**  
**ADVANCE AND ELECTRONIC VOTING**  
**June 2020**

**Red – Content Change**

**4-8** All persons who are entitled to attend ~~and who are present at~~ duly constituted meetings may vote on any matter brought before any general or special meeting of the college, ~~or~~ any board or committee meeting **or any advance voting procedure** if the person is eligible to vote on the matter with the exception of the president of the board and the exemption of a committee chairperson during a meeting of that committee.

*\*Rationale – Change will allow for advance voting.*

**4-8.2** All matters affecting the affairs and procedures of the college shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast by eligible voters: ~~present at a duly constituted meeting of the board or a committee, or a general or special meeting unless otherwise specified in the by-laws or in the Act.~~

~~4-8.3—Matters relating to by-laws, or proposed amendment to by-laws, shall require an affirmative majority vote of the members who are:~~

- (a) Present and voting at a general meeting; or
- (b) Voting in a mail vote or by another method of voting conducted in accordance with the bylaws

*\*Rationale – This change will allow flexibility to permit both in-person and electronic voting by the membership on any matter. Note that subsection 4-1(l) of the By-Law still requires that the Board of Directors must vote on provisional By-Law changes at an in-person or electronic meeting.*

~~4-8.6 Voting on motions shall be conducted only by those present at a meeting and who are eligible to vote.~~

*\*Rationale - Remove in order to allow for advance voting. Voting eligibility is set out in Section 4-8.*

**4-8.10** Voting ~~(other than voting on bylaw amendments)~~ may be conducted by electronic means established by the college, or by use of a printed mail-in ballot, or combination of methods approved by the board.

*\*Rationale - Revision required in order to allow for electronic voting by members on By-Law changes.*

**Part 7 – Miscellaneous**

**7-1.5** Within forty-five (45) days of giving provisional approval of such amendment, enactment or repeal, the board shall notify members, students, and social work corporations of the proposed amendment, enactment or repeal. The amendment, enactment or repeal shall be in force until the next annual general meeting, at which time **the approval of those in attendance and eligible to vote shall**

~~consider~~ the amendment, enactment or repeal ~~for approval~~ will be determined, using any combination of voting methods conducted in accordance with the by-laws and administrative policies of the college.

*\*Rationale - Revision required to allow for advance voting.*

~~7-1.6—Where notice is given on a proposed amendment, enactment or repeal of by-laws, a quorum of members who are eligible to vote on the matter must be present at a duly constituted meeting, with the vote conducted as provided for under the Act and the by-laws.~~

*\*Rationale – This section to be removed to allow for advance voting. 4-8.3 sets voting eligibility and the issue of quorum is not necessary in the context of advance voting.*