Faculty Senate, 9.17.21/ Motion to call Special Senate meetings without five-day notice:

Background: The Senate Constitution requires five days notice for a meeting. Because we are in unusual times, FSEC is recommending waiving that requirement through the end of Spring quarter 2022. The reasoning here is that in unusual times, sometimes it is important to be able to schedule a Special Senate meeting quickly. While obviously our goal is not to schedule meetings without due notice, we think it is worth giving ourselves that flexibility.

In way of further context: The Senate passed this motion, with different dates, by unanimous consent on May 22, 2020 to grant authority through the summer 2020. This authority was eventually extended through spring quarter 2021. While 9.17 would be a “First Reading,” we anticipate calling this to a vote; it would need 2/3 majority to pass on a First Reading; if it does not receive a 2/3 majority on 9.17, it would go to a Second Reading at our next Senate meeting on 10.1 at which time it would require a regular majority to pass.

Here is the motion for your consideration:

Shall the Faculty Senate President be authorized, through end of Spring quarter 2022, to call Special Senate meetings without meeting the five-day notice requirement specified in the Senate Constitution VII.A. Meeting Calls?

(Single Choice)

Answer 1: Yes

Answer 2: No

Answer 3: Abstain