

Procedural Motion 6001-P-08242004

- A procedural motion to define the Standing Rules of The University of Toledo Student Senate

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Let it be moved that the following be accepted as the Standing Rules of The University of Toledo Student Senate:

1. All personal communication devices shall be in silent, vibrating, or off mode. Any use of communication devices that disrupts the Senate will be prohibited; however, should the use of a communication device be necessary, that Senator is allowed to leave the floor and make use of any such device. A "communication device" is any electronic device that can be used to send or receive text, voice, or image messages. Devices used for presentation to the Senate are permitted.
2. All amendments to main motions from the floor consisting of ten (10) or more words must be submitted in writing to the Legislative Secretary.
3. Except for votes on legislation, all initial votes shall be made via voice. Whenever a proper call for a division is made, a hand vote shall be taken. All votes cast shall be open so that the position of any Senator on any issue is known by all.
 - 3.1. All votes on legislation shall be taken by roll call, unless a motion by the body dictates otherwise.
4. Debate shall adhere to the following rules:
 - 4.1. Direct discourse between senators that is disruptive of Senate meetings is not permitted.
 - 4.2. Yielding the floor to other senators and guests at the meetings is not permitted.
 - 4.3. Debate on legislation shall take the following format:
 - 4.3.1. The author shall first be recognized, and permitted five (5) minutes to explain his or her legislation. The limitation on debate in (4.4) does not apply to the author of the legislation.
 - 4.3.2. If a second or third reading, the committee(s) to which the legislation was referred shall be recognized and permitted three (3) minutes to explain the committee's recommendation.
 - 4.3.3. Questions may be directed to the author or committee through the Speaker once debate has begun.

- 4.4. Any guest in attendance may speak on the issue at hand for two (2) minutes each prior to the Senators' debate.
- 4.5. Each Senator may speak in debate once for not more than five (5) minutes. After all who wish to speak have spoken once, senators may debate a second time for not more than two (2) minutes. A majority vote may extend these time limits.
- 5. All legislation and additions to the agenda must be submitted both in written format in the legislation box and in electronic format to the Legislative Secretary and/or the Speaker no later than 8:00 P.M. on Mondays for consideration at the meeting on Tuesday that week.
 - 5.1. Agenda items include but are not limited to presentations, financial expenditures, release of or change to legislation by committee, and Senator-At-Large candidates.
- 6. Once legislation is assigned to a committee for review, the committee may make amendments to the legislation as it sees fit, as long as the amendments are germane to the intent of the legislation. Legislation amended by committee, once released, shall return to the floor in its amended form and may be amended back to its original form only by such a motion from the floor.
- 7. Any portion of these standing rules may be suspended by the Senate upon a 2/3 vote of those present at a meeting.
 - 7.1. The motion for suspension of these rules shall be exhausted on the one purpose specified in the motion.