

Graduate Student Senate

SENATE BILL F02-02
August 26, 2002

TITLE: Adoption of the 2002-2003 Standing Rules.

WHEREAS: Some procedures of the Graduate Student Senate necessarily change from year to year, and

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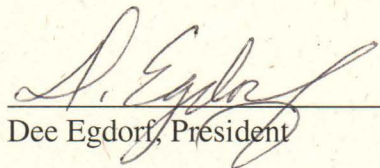
WHEREAS: The GSS has traditionally addressed this problem by adopting a set of Standing Rules, be it therefore

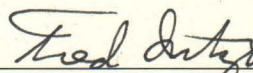
ENACTED: That the appended Standing Rules be adopted and remain in force until the September 2003 meeting of the GSS.

APPENDIX: 2002-2003 Standing Rules.

Sponsor: Iutzi

PASSED


Dee Egdorf, President


Fred Iutzi, Parliamentarian

APPENDIX

STANDING RULES 2002-2003

1. The following rules are guidelines for the Senate. They may be revised, suspended, or discontinued by the approval of the appropriate motion by a simple majority of Senators voting at the meeting of the Senate.
2. These rules shall be reviewed by the Parliamentarian and the Rules Committee at least once each year and shall be presented for adoption, with any revisions made, to the Senate no later than its September meeting.
3. The Senate may not take final action on a bill or resolution until the authors present their final version clearly to all Senators present at the meeting.
4. The chair of the Senate shall strive to follow the guidelines for assigning the floor to speakers as stated in Robert's Rules of Order, so as to provide balance and order to the debate.
5. General discussion of a particular subject can be held by passing a "Motion to Discuss". This motion is non-debatable, requires a second, has the rank of a main motion, and is passed by a simple majority of the Senators present at the meeting of the Senate. No action aside from debate is possible under this motion. After any Student Forum speaker or committee report, the Chair may call for debate on the issue, and any Senator may ask a question or move to discuss the issue.
6. The Chair shall recognize the first request from the floor. The right to the Senate floor is open to all persons attending the Senate session. Each speaker's right to the floor shall not exceed five minutes for each issue at the meeting, except for committee reports.
7. Procedure for the submission of bills and resolutions to the Senate:
 - a. Bills and resolutions to be proposed must be submitted to the Parliamentarian ten days before the regular Senate meeting.
 - b. One week before the regular Senate meeting, the sponsor of the legislation must send it to the Secretary to be included on the agenda and forwarded to the Senators prior to the meeting.
 - c. If there is an urgent situation, and these deadlines cannot be met, legislation can still be brought before the Senate providing the following: