

MOTION ON SENATE PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the procedures of the Senate should facilitate consultation between members of the Senate and those whom they represent, and

WHEREAS, reflective consideration of issues by all members is a cornerstone of sound decision making, and

WHEREAS, motions should demonstrate a minimum level of support before being placed on the Senate agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that Senate meetings be governed by the following rules of procedure for the 1996-7 academic year.

1. For a motion to be placed on the agenda of a Senate meeting, it must be endorsed by either a Faculty Committee, the UFC (on its own initiative or in response to a request by a Senate member), any six members of the Senate (six because it corresponds to a majority of the UFC). Motions will be distributed to the Senate membership by the UFC at least a week in advance of the meeting. The short "New Business" period at the end of the scheduled meeting would continue, but would be limited to remarks. Motions would not be in order.

2. Members are strongly encouraged to send all proposed amendments to such motions to the UFC, who will distribute them to all members at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Non-substantive (i.e., stylistic, grammatical, or clarifying) amendments may be freely introduced at a meeting without prior circulation. The speaker will rule substantive amendments out of order, but the speaker's ruling can be reversed by majority vote of the body. Members may also move to postpone action to the next meeting if they believe a new approach deserves full consideration.

3. Distribution of motions and amendments will be by e-mail. Any member may elect to receive the material by campus mail. Copies of all motions and amendments will be available at the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UFC evaluate these procedures during the summer of 1997, and bring a recommendation to the Senate in September 1997.

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