

RULE THREE: DECORUM AND DEBATE ON THE SENATE FLOOR

3.01 The Floor of the Senate:

- A. The Chair may recognize any person who is not a member of the Senate to speak before the Senate on issues germane to the measure of discussion on the floor at that time with majority consent of the Senate.
- B. The Chair or the Student Senate, by majority vote, may order the Senate chamber to be cleared of any disruptive person who is interfering with the "orderly transaction of business."
- C. Any person speaking on the floor of the Senate pertaining to a measure which concerns a student organization or special interest group shall state any affiliations which the person speaking may have with said organization or special interest group prior to speaking.
- D. Senatorial courtesy must be observed, and Senators shall confine themselves to the motions under debate, avoiding personal issues or feelings. All Senators will be addressed with their respective title while on the floor of the Senate.

3.02 Obtaining the Floor: The following rules shall govern the "obtaining of the floor" of the Student Senate:

- A. When any Senator desires to speak or deliver any matter to the Senate, the Senator shall raise said Senator's hand and wait to be recognized by the Chair.
- B. When two or more Senators wish to speak at once, the Chair shall rule on the order in which they shall speak.
- C. When a Senator is recognized, the Senator shall remain seated or rise to address the Senate.

3.03 Time and Limitation of Debate: The following shall set the time and limitations of debate on the floor of the Senate.

- A. Each Student Senator may have five (5) minutes to speak on every debatable motion before the Body. Each Student Senator may have five (5) minutes for measures on second reading, and three (3) minutes for measures on third reading.
- B. A Student Senator may yield the Senator's remaining time to any other Senator once during each motion that is under discussion. The Senator to whom time is yielded may yield the Senator's time back to the original speaker only. The original speaker shall not yield any remaining time to any other Senator. A Senator may yield his/her remaining time to a non-Senator, with majority consent of the Senate.
- C. Introducers of measures, and other debatable motions, may have five (5) minutes of opening debate, in addition to the introducer's allotted time.
- D. Introducers of legislation shall not be allowed to move the same legislation to third reading during the introducer's introductory presentation.

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- E. Any Senator will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes during Miscellaneous Business when no motion is on the floor.
- F. If a senator feels that they have made an inappropriate motion, they may withdraw their motion at any time if no senator objects.

3.04 Senate Behavioral Standards

Senators are expected to:

- A. Refrain from using profanity or making direct attacks on all Student Government Agents, organizations, or guest speakers at any time when representing the Student Body Senate, particularly during any Senate session or committee meetings.
- B. Address fellow Senators, organizations, representatives, and guests with courtesy and respect.
- C. Help maintain a professional atmosphere during Senate session and committee meetings.
- D. Not attend session and committee meetings while visibly impaired by any inebriating substance.
- E. Shall not debate or attack issues not germane to debate of specific legislation or deliberations.
- F. Actively pay attention to issues on the Senate floor.

3.05 Sergeant-at-Arms Responsibilities

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for:

- A. Attending all Senate Meetings.
- B. Removing any disruptive individual, deemed by a 2/3 vote of the Senate, from the Senate Meeting.

HISTORY:

Res 13-03 (02/03/81) Bill 16-05 (10/25/83) Res 16-44 (08/28/84)
Res 17-11 (01/29/85) Res 20-09 (11/24/87) Res 32-25 (00/00/00)
Res 36-30 (05/13/04) Res 36-33 (00/00/00) Res 38-03 (11/18/05)
Res 38-09 (02/02/06) Res 42-16 (02/18/10) Res 43-11 (2/9/11)