**Senate procedure, a saga**

Scene: A Standing Committee has introduced the following motion

Main motion: That tacos be declared the official food of the CSUN Faculty.

Chair: First on our speakers list is S1

Speaker 1: I’d like to propose an amendment.

Chair: Go ahead

Speaker 1: I propose we strike the word ‘tacos’ and replace it with the word ‘burritos’

Amendment: That ~~tacos~~ burritos be declared the official food of the CSUN Faculty.

Chair: Is your amendment correctly represented on the screen?

Speaker 1: Yep.

Chair: Is there a second?

Speaker 2: Second!

Chair: The amendment to replace tacos with burritos has been moved and seconded. S1 would you like to speak to your amendment?

Speaker1: Yes. I know it is unfashionable, but I believe burritos are far superior to tacos in terms of flavor, versatility, and neatness of consumption.

Chair: Next on our speakers list is S3

Speaker 3: I’d like to propose an amendment to the amendment.

Chair: Go ahead

Speaker 3: I’d like to add the words ‘and hamburgers’ after the word ‘burritos’.

Amendment (2nd order): That ~~tacos~~ burritos and hamburgers be declared the official food of the CSUN Faculty.

Chair: Is your amendment correctly represented on the screen?

Speaker 3: Yep.

Chair: Is there a second?

Speaker 2: Second!

Chair: The amendment to add ‘and hamburgers’ to the amendment replacing tacos with burritos has been moved and seconded. S3 would you like to speak to your amendment?

Speaker 3: Yes. I believe the considerations my colleague raises concerning burritos apply equally to delicious hamburgers.

Chair: Next on our speakers list is S4

Speaker 4: I oppose this amendment for two reasons. First, tacos are singularly delicious. Second, and more importantly, many of our colleagues are vegetarian or otherwise avoid meat. Even with the advent of Impossible burgers, I fear adding hamburgers would unduly exclude, irritate, and otherwise harm our meat-avoiding colleagues.

Chair: Thank you. Next is Speaker 5.

Speaker 5: I’d like to propose an amendment

Chair: [Temporarily loses track of the motion tree and allows this] Go ahead

S5: I’d like to add ‘and French fries’ after the word ‘hamburgers’.

[X] Amendment (3rd order): That ~~tacos~~ burritos, ~~and~~ hamburgers ,and French fries be declared the official food of the CSUN Faculty.

Chair: Very well, is there a sec…?

Speaker 6: Point of Order!

Chair: Go ahead S6.

S6: We are already on an amendment to the amendment. Third order amendments are not allowed.

Chair: Thank you S6. You are correct. The proposed amendment is not in order. We are on the amendment adding ‘and hamburgers’ to the amendment replacing ‘tacos’ with ‘burritos’. The Chair recognizes S7

S7: I have a Point of Information.

Chair: Go ahead.

S7: Will declaring an official food of the faculty lead to any form of discount at campus dining?

Chair: Good question. Perhaps Senator S8, the chair of the sponsoring committee, has some information. S8?

S8: That’s not something the committee looked into in creating this proposal. However, my committee has heard reports showing that the pandemic has been extremely hard on the University Corporation who runs campus food services. So I doubt they’re going to offer too many discounts.

Chair: S7 does that answer your question?

S7: It does. Thank you, S8.

Chair: I have 5 Senators on the speakers list. Next is S9.

S9: I’d like to call the question.

Chair: It has been moved that we stop debate on the amendment before us and move immediately to a vote. Is there a second?

[Many voices] Second!

Chair: Very well. We will now vote on whether to close debate and vote on the amendment. This is undebatable and requires 2/3.

To help illustrate how the amendment process works, please vote Yes!

You should see the ballot on your screens. If you do not, please refresh your browser and cast your ballots.

[Pause]

Is anyone needing more time to vote?

I am now closing voting.

Chair: The motion calling the question has passed. We will now vote on the amendment adding ‘and hamburgers’ to the amendment replacing ‘tacos’ with ‘burritos’.

To help illustrate how the amendment process works, please vote Yes!

You should see the ballot on your screens. If you do not, please refresh your browser and cast your ballots.

[Pause]

Is anyone needing more time to vote?

I am now closing voting.

The amendment to the amendment passes. We are now on the motion to replace the word ‘tacos’ with ‘burritos and hamburgers’.

I have no one on my speakers list. [pauses] Seeing no one else seeking to be recognized we will now vote on the proposed amendment.

Vote as you like (I think we all know the correct answer)

You should see the ballot on your screens. If you do not, please refresh your browser and cast your ballots.

[Pause]

Is anyone needing more time to vote?

I am now closing voting.

[Announces results]

Chair: We are back to the main motion. Seeing no one seeking recognition, let’s vote.

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…and Scene!