

Resolution on the Conduct of Senate Meetings
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Whereas, the Faculty, Staff, and Students devote time to the Senate meetings do so on a volunteer basis, and

Whereas, the demands on faculty time, duties, and responsibilities are many and varied, and

Whereas, effective meetings offer the prospect of deeper and broader engagement and the resolution of issues, therefore

Be it Resolved that,

Reports from Standing Committees of the Senate shall be incorporated as a recurring part of Senate meeting agendas, and shall receive priority in the development of each meeting's agenda, *and*

In order to be included on the agenda for a Senate meeting, those responsible for making a formal report, update, committee report, or other presentation shall provide electronic written reports and/or documentation *at least one week prior* to a meeting of the Faculty Senate, to be distributed to the Senate in a timely manner; absent such prior documentation, reports will not be included in the Agenda, *and*

In order to be included on the agenda for *discussion* at a Senate meeting, reports, updates, resolutions, or other presentations shall include one or more *specific action items* to be taken up by the Senate, *and*

Reports and presentations that are primarily for the purposes of sharing information shall be restricted to Q & A for the time allotted, rather than for open discussion or "oral presentations" of the written content, *and*

The Senate shall adopt a general policy of prioritizing members speaking to new perspectives on an issue under discussion, as well as new voices in the discussion, *and*

These rules of conduct may be suspended by a majority vote of the Senate or by the Executive Committee, for special reports or issues of a time-sensitive nature.

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