

CAS Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 16, 2020
104 Gore Hall 4:00 PM

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VOTE REQUIRED-PLEASE REVIEW BELOW)**
- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY CAS SENATE MEETING (VOTE REQUIRED-PLEASE REVIEW ATTACHMENTS)**
- 4) REMARKS: SENATE PRESIDENT/PRESIDING OFFICER**
- 5) REMARKS: DEAN OR REPRESENTATIVE**
- 6) COCAN ELECTION (VOTE REQUIRED-PLEASE REVIEW ATTACHMENT): JOHN MORGAN**
- 7) PROPOSED RULES FOR DEBATE (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE): JOHN MORGAN**
- 8) INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS:**
- 9) ADJOURN: VOTE REQUIRED**

RESOLUTION for Adding Rules for Debate to the CAS Senate's Bylaws
Drafted by John D. Morgan, Parliamentarian

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Bylaws of the College of Arts and Sciences Senate contain in a single place clear rules for debate which provide equal opportunity to the proponents and opponents of a controversial motion, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the following "Rules for Debate" be entered as a new subsection III.9.G under Section III.9 ("Procedures for the College Senate") of the College Bylaws.

G. Rules for Debate:

(i) In a debate on a controversial main motion or subsidiary motion, the presiding officer should alternate recognizing proponents and opponents. The presiding officer can do so by alternately asking "Who would like to speak for this motion?" and "Who would like to speak against this motion?".

(ii) The initial pair of speeches for and against a main motion are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes each (cf. *Robert's Rules of Order*, 11th ed., p. 387, lines 29-34), and later speeches are limited to a maximum of 2 minutes each.

(iii) All CAS senators have a right to give a first speech on a motion before the presiding officer recognizes a CAS senator who wants to speak twice on the same motion. (Cf. *Robert's Rules of Order*, 11th ed., p. 379, lines 27-31 and p. 389, lines 25-28).

(iv) Merely asking a brief question or responding briefly to a question or making a brief suggestion is not counted as speaking in a debate. (Cf. *Robert's Rules of Order*, 11th ed., p. 389, lines 6-7.)

(v) If the initial speaker for or against a main motion wants to make a power-point presentation, it shall be no longer than 10 slides, and it must be sent to the presiding officer at least 2 hours before the CAS Senate meeting (preferably earlier). There shall be equal opportunities to make power-point presentations as part of the initial pair of speeches for and against a controversial motion. It is courteous, though not required, for the initial speakers for and against a controversial main motion to share their power-point presentations with each other at least 2 hours before a CAS Senate meeting.

(vi) A subsidiary motion "to call the question" on a main motion is not in order unless at least 4 different senators have spoken on the main motion.

(vii) UD faculty members and/or students and/or staff who are not CAS senators can be recognized at the presiding officer's discretion, and shall be recognized by the presiding officer if a CAS senator has requested that they be recognized. Other members of the UD community, such as UD alumni or local legislators, may also be recognized at the presiding officer's discretion.

(viii) Any or all of these rules for debate can be temporarily suspended by a motion "to suspend the rules", which requires a second and a 2/3 majority vote. (Cf. *Robert's Rules of Order*, 11th ed., pp. 260-262.)