

Student Organization Resource Fee Board

36th Membership

2013-2014 Academic Year

12 September 2013
Resolution 2013-09
Vote: 9/0/1

WHEREAS, the Board desires to conduct its meetings efficiently and effectively; and,

WHEREAS, to accomplish this goal, the Board uses *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* as its parliamentary authority; and,

WHEREAS, the Board may create standing rules to supersede or modify the parliamentary authority; and,

WHEREAS, standing rules must be written to be enforceable; and,

WHEREAS, the absence of enforceable standing rules would force the board to employ formal procedures that are neither effective nor efficient for the board; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board establishes or otherwise substitutes its standing rules to reflect the following:

1. The substance of a motion takes precedence over its form. Formal language is not required for any motion.
2. The presence of any written business is equivalent to a main motion by the submitter to adopt such business. Similarly, the presence of an application on the agenda for consideration to be funded at a specified amount automatically places a main motion to fund on the floor.
3. When considering an application, the pre-reviewer has first right to the floor and right of response to the comments of any other member.
4. A pre-reviewer may furnish facts or ask objective questions that speak against his/her funding recommendation in the interest of full disclosure of information, but a pre-reviewer must remain favorable in opinion to his/her recommendation.
5. The presiding officer may enable free discussion on any main motion without a request for a form of committee of the whole.
6. The motion to reconsider a main motion is never in order until at least one unrelated item has been considered following the initial vote or the item to be reconsidered is the last item.
7. A request to reconsider made from the failing side of a motion is in order.
8. To move the previous question immediately following one's statement in debate is not in order.
9. A member may request that s/he be noted as present and not voting in the record. A second shall not be required and such a request shall automatically receive a request for unanimous consent without action by a member.
10. The presiding officer may make objective questions and offer statements of fact but should remain opinion neutral.
11. The yield of the floor to a non-member for the purpose of answering questions may be presumed to have consent of the board once initial consent is given.
12. A member may propose an amendment and request immediate unanimous consent without an offer for debate or amendment being proposed by the presiding officer

; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendments shall take effect upon approval of a two-thirds vote of the Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as this resolution pertains solely to internal operations of the Board, the concurrence of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, as designee of the Chancellor, is not required.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn J. Gordon
Vice-Chairman

Attest – Matthew Stuart, Board Secretary