

Whereas Senate meetings are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and

Whereas under Robert's Rules, when a Senator calls the question and that call is seconded, without further discussion a vote is taken on whether to end discussion and vote the question, and

Whereas under Robert's Rules, Senators vote on the motion to suspend discussion without knowing whether other Senators have additional points relevant to the question that have not been made, and

Whereas it is typically desirable that a question be fully discussed before being voted, and

Whereas it is therefore helpful for Senators to know whether relevant points are yet unmade when they vote to suspend or not suspend discussion,

Be it therefore resolved that in the conduct of Faculty Senate business, Robert's Rules of Order be modified as follows: When a Senator calls the question and that call receives a second, the Speaker will ask Senators to indicate by a show of hands if they wish to make a point yet unmade that is relevant to the question. That desire having been indicated by the show of hands, the Senate will proceed without further discussion to a vote on the motion to suspend discussion and vote the question.