

Whereas Faculty Senate meetings are governed by Robert's Rules of Order, as modified by the Senate, and

Whereas the discussion provision in Robert's Rules limits each participant to a maximum of two 10 minute speeches, and

Whereas that provision is best adapted to final decision making on resolutions that have been defined in more informal meetings conducted under less stringent provisions in Robert's Rules, and

Whereas the resolutions brought before the Senate normally have not been discussed and defined in more informal meetings, and

Whereas during the discussion, new issues and perspectives often arise as the discussion proceeds, and

Whereas some Senate members have deep expertise on the matter under discussion and may offer needed insight on new issues raised after they have spoken twice, and

Whereas Senators normally express their views in 2 or 3 minutes and never take 10 minutes to express them, and

Whereas the Senate needs to be fully informed when voting on resolutions, and

Whereas it is helpful to have modifications of Robert's Rules be listed in the Senate Bylaws, and

Whereas the Senate previously modified Robert's Rules in a resolution passed in the Fall of 2020,

Be it therefore resolved that Senate Bylaws Article V: Meetings, be modified as follows:

Current:

7. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, subject to such rules as may be adopted by the Faculty Senate.

Revision:

7. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order with the following modifications, as well as other such rules as may be adopted by the Faculty Senate.
  - A. Senators are not limited to two comments on an issue before the Senate, but are limited to a total time of twenty minutes.
  - B. 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.