



Legislative Council - October 19th, 2017

Motion Regarding the Adoption of Standing Rules at the Fall 2017 General Assembly

Whereas, “Standing Rules” shall mean the rules of procedure created and amended by the Legislative Council, in accordance with the mechanism provided by Rules of Order, which govern the procedures of the Legislative Council and General Assemblies;

Whereas, the Standing Rules for the General Assembly may be adopted by the Legislative Council at least one (1) week in advance of the General Assembly;

Whereas, the Standing Rules should facilitate an effective and accessible process;

Whereas, the 2016-2017 Legislative Council did not adopt the Standing Rules of the General Assembly;

Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council adopt the Standing Rules (Appendix 1) for the Fall 2017 General Assembly.

Moved by:

Jemark Earle, Vice-President (Student Life)

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APPENDIX 1

Standing Rules for the Fall 2017 General Assembly

1. The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the manual outlining the parliamentary procedure during the Fall 2017 General Assembly.
2. A default speaking time of two (2) minutes shall be enforced; speaking limits for reports shall be five (5) minutes.
3. Amendments considered 'friendly' to all movers of a motion will be automatically incorporated without requiring a vote.
4. Members who wish to address the assembly shall wait in line at one of the microphones to be recognized by the Speaker and be granted speaking rights.
5. After every 5 members speaking on a given question, the Speaker shall entertain subsidiary and privileged motions (e.g. motions to amend, call the question, recess or adjourn).
6. Before entering voting period on substantive motions, the speaker shall allow time for all members currently waiting to enter the room to be given voting cards.
7. Members addressing the assembly shall address the speaker, stay on subject and refrain from personal attacks. Courtesy shall be strongly enforced by the Speaker.
8. Motions to table or postpone indefinitely will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.