

# SENATE RULE 6: SPECIAL RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS

## 6.01 Special Rules and Motions

- A. Motions shall not require a second
- B. Roll call votes shall be recorded in order according to college and Student Body Senate Seat, with the colleges listed in alphabetical order.

## 6.02 Amendments

- A. The Senate Graduate Assistant shall provide a means to amend Senate Measures to Student Body Senators.
- B. The Senate Graduate Assistant shall maintain a process to record and deliver amendments to the Chair for consideration.
- C. Amendments must contain the name of the presenting Student Body Senator and information as to what the amendment proposes.

## 6.03 Voting Motions

- A. All legislation shall require a majority vote of the Student Body Senate to pass Second Reading and Third Reading unless otherwise specified by the Student Body Constitution, Student Body Statutes, or Senate Rules.
- B. Amendments shall require a majority vote of the Student Body Senate while on Second Reading, and a two-thirds (2/3) vote while on Third Reading.
- C. Motions to Postpone Indefinitely (PPI) shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote while on Second and Third Readings.

## 6.04 Objection Procedure

- A. When a Student Body Senator objects to a motion and the originator of the motion does not withdraw, the Student Body Senate shall enter Objection Procedure.
  1. The originator and the objector will each have two (2) minutes to defend their motion.
  2. The objector shall present the case to accept the objection, which would return the Student Body Senate to the section prior to the motion.
  3. The originator shall present the case to reject the objection, which would cause the Student Body Senate to proceed with the motion.
  4. The Student Body Senate shall have time to debate the motion for a maximum of (5) minutes.
  5. Every objection during the objection procedure shall be accepted, keeping the Student Body Senate within the objection procedure.
  6. After the presentation of the arguments and the Student Body Senate debate, the Student Body Senate shall vote on whether to return to the section prior to the motion (for) or to proceed with the original motion (against).
  7. A simple majority vote is required to accept the objection which would return the Student Body Senate to the section prior to the motion, otherwise, the Student Body Senate shall proceed with the original motion.

## 6.05 Electronic Voting Machine

- A. Measures being considered on the Senate floor shall be voted on using an electronic voting machine. Voting records shall be available on the SG website within four (4) business days of the Senate Meeting.
- B. Any other votes that the Senate President deems necessary can be voted on using an electronic voting machine.
- C. If the electronic voting machine is unavailable, the Student Body Senate will return to standard Robert's Rules of Order for voting procedures.

**HISTORY:**

Res 13-03 (02/03/1981) Bill 16-05 (10/25/1983) Res 19-35 (07/19/1987) Res 20-02 (10/20/1987)  
Res 21-44 (07/30/1989) Res 22-22 (06/24/1990) Res 22-23 (07/01/1990) Res 22-25 (07/15/1990)  
Res 24-14 (02/20/1992) Res 27-12 (02/23/1995) Res 27-24 (07/07/1995) Res 36-30 (05/13/2004)  
Res 38-03 (11/18/2005) Res 38-11 (02/23/2006) Res 40-24 (09/04/2008) Res 41-04 (11/06/2008)  
Res 45-07 (02/28/2013) Res 48-06 (01/28/2016) Res 49-44 (07/13/2017) Res 50-61 (09/20/2018)  
Res 51-57 (09/19/2019) Res 56-07 (06/27/2024)