

Meeting Date:	April 12, 2023
Ruling:	[To be completed by Parliamentarian]
President, PGSG:	Alex Seto
Senate Chair, PGSS:	Josiah Davidson

PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE



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Senate meeting improvement

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WHEREAS, PGSG senators are giving their valuable time to promote a healthy atmosphere in our grad community by joining PGSG. Senators are adding to this community from their own goodwill free of charge. In most senate meetings there has been a disregard for senator's time with senate meetings lasting multiple hours with no breaks and very minimal food. Continuing this path of disregarding senators time, would negatively impact the participation in this organization. In the hopes of respecting senators' time, there should be a new set of floor rules adopted by senators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, Senate chair or executive board must show senators rules that they are using. PGSG should spend at least \$12 on each senator for food and drink and provide an adequate location to provide each senator with a seat, space to eat and location to charge electrical devices.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, In the bylaws meetings should not last longer than 2 hours, and the end time must be defined in the senate meeting agenda prior to the meeting. If the extension is desired, a vote must be called with a 2/3 majority to pass.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, Oral votes should not be used in replacement of concealed voting since this could persuade senators in voting for bills that the majority are in favor for. Anonymity will help senators vote the way they want without intimidation.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, Other new formalities include, formal voting is only done on items on the agenda, amendments can be oral votes; There can only be one emergency legislation per meeting. To save time there is no need for a speaker at the beginning of a meeting. We can learn about resources at the first senate meeting or team nights. There should be a break at the mid-way point of the agenda for senators to get refreshments. There should be hot drinks served such as coffee, or tea and a moment for senators to use the restroom. To save time on motions to amend, during the LRC review process authors should be able to see and

address comments before the finalized version is sent to the Senate. LRC comments should not be left up to the senate meeting to be addressed for a first draft review. Legislation should be open to review by the senate body, allowing for a comment period before the senate meeting. Suggesting a google doc of the document or and Microsoft word online link for reviewing. On the occasions when there are motions to amend questions, and discussion points should be allowed at the same time and a discussion point is allowed for one minute. Also motions to amend must be seconded by the author and a sponsor. This will allow for time to be saved. The president report seems like an acknowledgement formality that is not needed. The chair should just open allowing relevant e-board members to respond. For example, there have been times where the treasurer needs to give input on what the budget allows. If there is no input needed from the e-board then the senate can move on. One topic per legislation. If the author is not present, then immediate table of the legislation.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ENACTED *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day
of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023.

President, PGSG

Senate Chair, PGSS

Certification

I, Mary Brown, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023 by the following vote:

AYES (0):
NAYS (0):
ABSENT (0):
ABSTAINED (0):

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this *[INSERT DAY OF CERTIFICATION]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF CERTIFICATION]* 2023.

Senate Clerk, PGSS