

PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

BILL 18-30

“Amendment to Senate Standing Rules Article V”

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WHEREAS, the Purdue Student Government Senate Standing Rules are to be maintained in accordance with Article II, Section 1, Part A, Subsection 4(c) of the Purdue Student Government Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to have more in-depth regulations of Senate committees; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the current Standing Rules do not follow Robert’s Rules of Order and need more clarification; and;

WHEREAS, revision of Article V of the Senate Standing Rules may provide more clarification for the order of holding committees;

Therefore, be it ENACTED,

that the proposed rewritten text of “ARTICLE V. DEBATE” read as follows:

- I. Debate Overview
 - A. Debate shall be defined as a discussion on the merits of a pending question-that is, whether the proposal under consideration should, or should not be agreed to.
- II. Speaking Time
 - A. When a Senator desires to speak, she or he shall address the chair and shall not proceed until she or he is recognized.
 - B. No Senator shall speak more than 6 times upon any one question in debate during the same Student Senate meeting. Each speaking time shall not exceed two and a half minutes. Posing a direct question without any additional commentary is not

counted as a speaking instance. Yielding the floor to others is included as a speaking instance.

- C. Answers to direct questions, for the purposes of clarification, shall not require speaking time and shall not constitute a speaking instance for the inquiring party.
- D. The shared allotted speaking time for a single topic shall not exceed 30 minutes but can be extended with a two-thirds vote.

III. Decorum

- A. No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words, impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming of a Senator.
- B. In the circumstances that a Senator is determined to be imputing or acting unbecoming of her or his position, she or he shall be sent to the Internal Affairs committee for a hearing.
 - 1. Internal Affairs will conduct an investigation into the behavior of said Senator and report their findings to Senate, where impeachment will be considered and voted upon.

IV. Yielding Time

- A. Senators may yield their allotted speaking time to any individual present at the meeting. These individuals may include, but are not limited to, fellow Senators, acting proxies, other members of PSG, and members of the public.
- B. Senators may also yield their speaking time to any available electronic media. Examples of available electronic media include, but are not limited to: audio files, Skype, video files. During this time, Senators have permission to operate the machinery necessary for the transmission of said electronic media.

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