

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STATUTES AND SENATE PROCEDURES
(Final; Action)

SP.20.04 Revision to the *Standing Rules* – Setting Time Limits for Introduction and Discussion of Senate Items

BACKGROUND

To aid in maintaining quorum and efficiently manage business at Senate meetings, a new *Standing Rule* is proposed to limit the time allotted for introduction and discussion of items before the Senate, and questions to the presiding officer during the portion of a Senate meeting designated for questions.

These recommendations are based on the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01) Recommendation #2, Improve the Management of Senate Meetings to Maintain Quorum.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following new rule in the *Standing Rules*.

Adoption of this rule would limit the rights of senators during debates. Therefore, according to our parliamentary guide, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, its adoption (and any future amendments to it) requires a two-thirds vote.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE *STANDING RULES*

NEW RULE

1 **17. Setting Time Limits for Introduction and Discussion of Senate Items**

2 This rule limits the rights of senators during debates. The adoption of this rule and any
3 amendments to it require a two-thirds vote.

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5 A. Introduction of an Item before the Senate

6 Introduction of an item before the Senate shall be limited to no more than five minutes,
7 unless the Senate Executive Committee has provided otherwise in the Senate agenda, or
8 the Senate has agreed by a two-thirds vote to suspend this rule.

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10 B. Discussion of an Item before the Senate

11 Discussion of an item before the Senate shall be limited to no more than three minutes
12 per speaker, per speaking item, unless the Senate Executive Committee has provided
13 otherwise in the Senate agenda, or the Senate has agreed by a two-thirds vote to
14 suspend this rule.

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16 C. Questions to the Presiding Officer of the Senate

17 A senator shall be limited to no more than two minutes to pose a question to the
18 presiding officer of a Senate meeting during the portion of the meeting designated for
19 questions.

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