ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 9-003

**A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION** **TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WITH REGARDS TO NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS,** Central Student Government is a place for deliberate debate on all manner of things, some of which can be emotionally charged; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Central Student Government Assembly is a place where representatives and other members should feel safe expressing their opinions about CSG business, including expressing their opinion by voting; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** The Assembly permits questions, comments, and debate so that involved parties can fully explain their position on an item of CSG business; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Expressions of emotion can be more influential on Members’ votes than the arguments presented on the business; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** In many legislative bodies, non-member attendees are not permitted to address the body as a whole, but they are permitted to speak at committee; **THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the Operating Procedures sections on Conduct of Gallery and Member Attendees (Chapter IV Sections I and J) be amended according to Appendix A of this resolution; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** That a new Section d be added to Chapter IV Section G(2) of the Operating Procedures that reads the same as Appendix B of this resolution so that the Speaker can unilaterally change the method of voting from Roll Call to Secret Ballot; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** That Chapter V Sections C(13)(b), C(14)(c), and C(14)(d) of the Operating Procedures be amended according to Appendix C of this resolution; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** That Chapter V Section C(14)(d)(iii) of the Operating Procedures be amended according to Appendix D of this resolution such that any non-Member authors must leave the room while their resolution is voted upon; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** That Chapter VII Section B(3) of the Operating Procedures be amended to add “Each committee must attempt to schedule each of their weekly meeting such that any non-Member authors with business before the committee can attend.” after the first sentence.

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Yes: 20 No: 3 Abstain: 4 Date: 23 April 2019

Appendix A: Proposed Wording with “Track Changes”

1. **Conduct of Gallery Attendees.**
   1. **Visibility**. The content of this Section must be visibly posted in the gallery seating area.
   2. **Consent.** Attendance at an Assembly meeting constitutes consent to abide by these rules, including the maintenance of a record of violations and enforcement of penalties.
   3. **Violations.** The following are violations, as determined by the Chair: speaking out of turn; purposeful blocking of an attendee’s view; vulgar or offensive language; hate speech; attempting to distract attendees; excessive applause; acts of violence; failure to comply with reasonable instructions; or interfering with meeting proceedings in other ways.
   4. **Penalties.** Offenses accumulate within a single Legislative Session, and carry the following penalties. Offenses may be added or removed by a two-thirds majority vote.

1st Offense – warning about the rules of conduct.

2nd Offense – loss of current-meeting speaking privileges; loss of the floor and allotted time if speaking.

3rd Offense – loss of current-meeting speaking privileges; loss of the floor and allotted time if speaking; and loss of next-meeting speaking privileges.

4th Offense – must leave the current meeting; loss of speaking privileges for the next two meetings.

5th Offense – loss of attendance privileges.

* 1. **Administration.** The Speaker maintains a record of penalties.

1. **Conduct of Member Attendees.**
   1. Violations. The following are violations, as determined by the Chair: using audible expressions of disapproval; speaking out of turn; vulgar or offensive language; hate speech; attempting to distract other Members; excessive applause; acts of violence; use of electronic devices without authorization of the Chair; or interfering with meeting proceedings in other ways.
   2. Penalties.
      1. **Warning.** The Chair may issue a warning to any Member who commits a violation.
      2. **Ejection.** After issuing a warning to a Member at a given meeting, the Chair may eject them from the meeting for further or continued violation(s).

Appendix B: Proposed Text for OP IV.G.2.d

1. The Speaker may change a vote on a resolution from Roll Call Vote to Secret Ballot if they believe the discussion around the resolution was contentious.

Appendix C: Proposed Text of OP V.C.13.b, V.C.14.c, and V.C.14.d

V.C.13.b:

* **First Readings.** First readings use the following procedure. An author who is not a Member can only speak during first reading of their resolution if they have attended a committee meeting(s) where the resolution was discussed.

V.C.14.c:

**Second Readings.** Second readings and amendments use the following procedure. An author who is not a Member can only speak during second reading and amendments if they have attended a committee meeting(s) where the resolution was discussed.

V.C.14.d:

**Third Readings.** Third readings and voting on resolutions use the following procedure. If an author is not a Member, that individual can only speak during third reading if they have attended a committee meeting(s) where the resolution was discussed.

Appendix D: Proposed Text of V.C.14.d.iii

1. The Assembly considers adoption of the resolution by a simple majority vote using a Roll Call Vote, during which any non-member authors must leave the room in which Assembly is being held.