



ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 9-007

A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OPERATING PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS VOTING RIGHTS IN COMMITTEES AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- WHEREAS,** Recent changes to the Central Student Government Assembly's legislative process allow members to vote in committee on referring and releasing resolutions; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** The Speaker never votes in the regular course of business so as to remain neutral; **BUT**
- WHEREAS,** The current rules seem to imply that the Speaker can vote in a committee before permanent membership is established and that they should be assigned as a permanent member of a regular committee, both of which are improper considering the role of Speaker; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Current rules are ambiguous to the assignment and voting powers of chairs and vice-chairs of special committees; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** It is appropriate to assign leadership of special committees as permanent members of regular committees because they should have responsibilities to fall back on when their committee does not meet and because the standing members of special committees are assigned; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Reintroduction and questions in third reads on a resolution which has not been amended are an unnecessary part of the legislative process; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** The Operating Procedures' "Legislative Process" section (Chapter III Section E) creates obligations of resolutions and of committees but its provisions aren't properly mirrored in the resolution and committee definition sections; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** The second section of Chapter IX of the Operating Procedures would be misplaced following the reorganization of the "Legislative Process" section, and removal of the second section without change to the first would leave a chapter with only a single-sentence section;
THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter VII Section A(2)(c) is amended according to Appendix A; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter III Section E(1) is amended according to Appendix B and moved to become Chapter III Section A(5); **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter III Sections E(2-4) and (6-7) are incorporated into Chapter VII Section B(4) and those sections and Chapter VII Sections B(4-5) amended according to Appendix C; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter III Sections E and its subsections (5) and (9-11) is removed; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter III Section E(12) is moved to become Chapter III Section A(6); **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter III Section E(13) and Chapter IX Section B is combined and inserted as Chapter VII Section C(2)(c), relettering the current sections accordingly, and amended according to Appendix D; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter I Section C is relettered to “D”, that Chapter IX Section A is moved to become the new Chapter I Section C, and that the empty chapter heading of Chapter IX is removed; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Chapter V Section C(13)(d) be amended to add “, if the resolution was amended in second reads,” after “and” in (i), and to add “If the resolution was amended in second reads,” at the start of (ii); **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Article III Chapter A(2) be amended according to Appendix E; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** That Operating Procedures Article III Chapter A(3) be amended according to Appendix F; **AND BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED,** That an Appendix of the Operating Procedures is created and titled “Appendix A Legislative Process” with the text of Chapter III Section E as amended according to Appendix G.

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Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Whit Froehlich', written in a cursive style.

Whit Froehlich, Medicine
Speaker of the Assembly

Yes: 29

No: 4

Abstain: 2

Date: 16 April 2019

Appendix A

- c. The Speaker is not assigned as a permanent member of a regular committee. Chairs and vice-chairs of regular committees are not assigned as permanent members to other regular committees and, if Representatives, are permanent members of their committees. Any Representative elected to a chair or vice-chair position of a regular committee or to the Speakership loses any prior permanent member status.

Appendix B

5. The text of a draft resolution is submitted to the Speaker of the Assembly, who refers it to the relevant committee(s) at their discretion by classifying it and transmitting it to the committee chair(s) and vice-chair(s). Upon referral to a committee, the draft becomes a resolution. A resolution is considered for its first reading only after release by all committees to which it has been referred, or upon successful vote(s) to discharge those committee(s) from consideration of release. A resolution is considered for its second and third readings and a final vote only after return by the committees to which it was referred, or upon successful vote(s) to discharge those committee(s) from consideration of return.

Appendix C

4. **Consideration of Business by Reports of Regular Committees.** ~~The e~~Committee(s) must consider *any business referred to them* ~~the resolution~~ *at each* ~~their next~~ regular committee meeting ~~(+), following referral until the business is no longer before them. Working with the author(s) to make changes to the resolution as necessary in order for it to be sufficiently detailed and clear for Assembly consideration. When a committee feels that a resolution is sufficiently developed for Assembly consideration, they~~
 - a. **Committee Action.** *A committee considers each resolution referred to them for release before those resolutions have had their first readings, and for return between their first and second readings. A committee may, by a simple majority Roll Call Vote of the permanent members present and voting, release or return a resolution from committee to the Assembly for further consideration, at which point the business is no longer before them. Committees must vote on each item before them at each regular committee meeting. Upon release, the committee chair must transmit a copy of the resolution to the Speaker. In the case that the permanent members have not yet been assigned to committees, all present Representatives, except the Speaker and the chairs and vice chairs of any other regular committee, are temporary permanent members. Release from committee occurs by a simple majority vote of Representatives present and voting. A resolution may be discharged from committee for first reads by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly. A committee's weekly report includes committee*

~~commentary on the resolutions released from their committee, a positive or negative recommendation to the Assembly on each released item, and a record of the voted taken to release items. The committee(s) must discuss the resolution at their next regular committee meeting(s), ensuring compliance with the Constitution and the Compiled Code, logical validity and soundness, and representation of the goals of its authors. Committee members make recommendations to improve a resolution, which the author(s) may choose to accept; the author(s) of a resolution may also make any other changes to it before it returns to the Assembly for its second reading. When a committee feels that a resolution is sufficiently developed for final Assembly consideration, they may, by a simple majority vote of the permanent members present and voting, return it from committee to the Assembly for further consideration. A committee must not hold a resolution between its first and second readings for longer than three consecutive Assembly meetings, and it automatically returns to the Assembly thereafter, or at the last Assembly meeting of the academic term. In the case that permanent members have not yet been assigned to committees, return from committee occurs by a simple majority vote of Representatives present and voting.~~

- b. Discharge. The Assembly* ~~A resolution may be discharged~~ *a committee from committee consideration of referral or return of a resolution for second reading by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly, upon which the resolution is no longer before the discharged committee.*

5. Committee Reports.

- a. Reports of Regular Committees.* Each regular committee presents a report both verbally and in writing at each regular Assembly meeting. The report must detail meeting and attendance information, the results of the committee's discussion of any business referred to it ~~including a positive or negative recommendation on any business referred to it~~ and released or returned to the Assembly that week, any votes taken ~~with names of members and their votes~~, and a summary of any other relevant discussion or action items. The *committee chair or vice chair gives the* written report ~~is given~~ to the Speaker, who attaches it to the agenda and makes it available to the Assembly before its next regular meeting.
- b. Reports of Special Committees.* Any written report produced by a special committee ~~or a permanent member of a special committee~~ must be given to the Speaker, who attaches it to the agenda and makes it available to the Assembly before its next regular meeting.

Appendix D

c. Clerical Edits

- a. Of Resolutions. After a resolution has been passed by the Assembly, the Chair of the Rules Committee may edit it for non-substantial clerical, grammar, and spelling issues. These edits must be reported to the author(s) and sponsoring Member(s), any of whom may put the edits to the Assembly for a confirmatory vote by a simple majority at the next regular Assembly meeting.
- b. Of the Governing Documents. The Chair of the Rules Committee may propose clerical amendments to these Operating Procedures or the Compiled Code, which must be minor and non-substantial, in a committee report. The Assembly may reject the amendments by a motion and simple majority vote.

Appendix E

Each resolution has at least one author ~~who can be any Member or other individual, and who is~~ credited for the conception and/or drafting of the resolution. Each resolution is introduced by at least one sponsoring Member, who makes an implicit motion to adopt it; unless it is from the University Council, a ballot initiative, or a referendum. A resolution cannot be withdrawn except with the permission of all sponsoring Members. A withdrawn resolution can recommence consideration at the point in the legislative process at which it was withdrawn if one or more Members sponsor it.

Appendix F

~~Each resolution is introduced by at least one sponsoring Member, who makes an implicit motion to adopt it; unless it is from the University Council, a ballot initiative, or a referendum.~~ The sections of a resolution stating its actions must not be amended: after release by all committees to which it was referred and before its first reading by the Assembly, or between return by all committees to which it was referred and before its second reading by the Assembly.

Appendix G

Appendix A

Legislative Process

- A. **This Appendix details the normal course of progress for consideration of resolutions** by the Assembly. This section does not create rules or procedures and its provisions are not binding.
 1. The text of a draft is submitted to the Speaker of the Assembly, who refers it to the relevant committee(s) at their discretion by classifying it and transmitting it to the committee(s) chair(s) and vice-chair(s). Upon referral to a committee, the draft becomes a resolution.
 2. The committee(s) must consider the resolution at their next regular committee meeting(s), working with the author(s) to make changes to the resolution as necessary in order for it to be sufficiently detailed and clear for Assembly consideration.
 3. When a committee feels that a resolution is sufficiently developed for Assembly consideration, they may, by a simple majority vote of the permanent members present and voting, release it from committee to the Assembly for further

consideration. Upon release, the committee chair must transmit a copy of the resolution to the Speaker.

- a. In the case that permanent members have not yet been assigned to committees, release from committee occurs by a simple majority vote of Representatives present and voting except the officers of other regular committees and the Speaker.
 - b. A resolution may be discharged from committee for first reads by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly.
4. A committee's weekly report includes committee commentary on the resolutions released from their committee and a record of the voted taken to release items.
5. After all relevant committees have voted to release the resolution, or upon a successful vote to discharge for first reads, the resolution is introduced to the Assembly for its first reading, and then is sent to committee(s) for further review.
6. The committee(s) must discuss the resolution at their next regular committee meeting(s), ensuring compliance with the Constitution and the Compiled Code, logical validity and soundness, and representation of the goals of its authors.
7. When a committee feels that a resolution is sufficiently developed for final Assembly consideration, they may, by a simple majority vote of the permanent members present and voting, return it from committee to the Assembly for further consideration. A committee must not hold a resolution between its first and second readings for longer than three consecutive Assembly meetings, and it automatically returns to the Assembly thereafter, or at the last Assembly meeting of the academic term.
 - a. In the case that permanent members have not yet been assigned to committees, return from committee occurs by a simple majority vote of Representatives present and voting except the officers of other regular committees and the Speaker.
 - b. A resolution may be discharged from committee for second reads by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly.
8. After all relevant committees have voted to return the resolution, it is reintroduced for its second reading.
9. The resolution is open for amendment(s), which may be submitted either in writing or verbally.
10. The resolution has its third reading before the Assembly with its final text.
11. The Assembly considers adoption of the resolution.
12. **Presidential Approval.** Per Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution, a resolution passed by the Assembly is submitted to the President for approval unless it solely concerns amendments to these Operating Procedures. A vetoed resolution returns to the Assembly, and the President may include a memorandum explaining their veto.

