



Central Student Government

Rules Committee

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Rules Committee Report

Assembly Date: 03/14/2023

Meeting Date: **03/12/2023**

Resolutions for Release:

- **[AR 12-062](#): A Procedural Resolution to Improve the Structure and Format of Motions**
- **[AR 12-063](#): A Procedural and Appropriations Resolution to amend the Compiled Code to state that student governments, bound by the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution, must distribute appropriated funds from CSG in the manner prescribed by the resolution they passed in**

Resolutions for Return:

- **[AR 12-056](#): A Directive and Declarative Resolution calling on the university to revert the AP enrollment priority policy to that prior to March 2021**
- **[AR 12-057](#): A Procedural Resolution to add, clarify, or otherwise update the general definitions located within the first subclause of Article VI of the Compiled Code known as the Election Code**

Call to order: **3:06 PM**

Members of the Committee Present: Jarek Schmanski (Chair), Ruben Garcia (Vice Chair), Yuan Hang, Ethan Neff, Jacob Amspaugh, Riley Kina, Ben Thomas,

Members of the Committee Absent: Major Stevens

Other Assembly Members Present: Karthik Pasupula, Tyler Watt, Ryan Schmidt

Non-Assembly Members Present:

Quorum: **[Met]**/Failed to meet] (Quorum is 4, including Chair and Vice Chair)

Members: Jarek Schmanski, LSA (Chair) • Ruben Garcia, Ross (Vice Chair) • Yuan Hang, Pharmacy • Major Stevens, LSA • Ethan Neff, LSA • Ben Thomas, LSA • Jacob Amspaugh, LSA • Riley Kina, LSA



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For Release:

AR 12-062: A Procedural Resolution to Improve the Structure and Format of Motions.

Notes on Discussion:

Rep. Schmanski: This resolution effectively rewrites the format of motions to be more easily understandable and less bureaucratic.

Rep. Thomas: Does this resolution substantially change the way meetings are run or does it simply make the government documents easier to read?

Rep. Schmanski: Yes, there are not many substantial changes to the way motions are handled, more so making them easier to read. Substantial changes are [noted](#) in this spreadsheet.

Rep. Ampsugh: I made some amendments so that the hierarchy of motions reflects Robert's Rules and so that the effect of adoption is at the top of the motion description not the bottom.

Rep. Thomas: Does changing the order of the motions in the document change the way in which they are managed?

Rep. Ampsugh: No, the order changes are purely for ease of reading.

The committee held general conversation on the optimal order of motions for aesthetic and understanding purposes.

- An amendment was proposed which changed the order of motions in the document. The motion failed with a vote of 1-4-2.
- An amendment was proposed which changed the order in which subsidiary motions are processed and moved the effect of adoption to the top of the motion description. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee held general discussion on how to best classify a point of information.

Speaker Pasupula: I would prefer to see this resolution as a standing rule. I don't believe it's proper to make such a big rule change this close to a new assembly.

Rep. Schmanski: Something to note is that the resolution does not substantially change the way meetings are run. I am also hoping to implement this resolution for the purpose of making it easier for new members to understand the motions.

Rep. Fioritto: I disagree with the notion that we should not be changing the rules close to an election, we have been elected for the whole year and our experience is especially helpful in implementing such changes.

Rep. Ampsugh: It was very difficult to read the motions in their current form when I first joined the assembly, I think there is a benefit to making these changes for new members.

Rep. Thomas: If something doesn't work the next assembly is well within their power to change that. Likewise we are well within our power to make these changes given our experience and regardless of the timeline.

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Speaker Pasupula: If we make changes halfway through the legislative session, we have a chance to understand what works and what doesn't. Making changes this close to the new assembly does not offer the opportunity.

- An amendment was made which moves the motion to modify. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote on Resolution: Released Unanimously

AR 12-063: A Procedural and Appropriations Resolution to amend the Compiled Code to state that student governments, bound by the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution, must distribute appropriated funds from CSG in the manner prescribed by the resolution they passed in

Notes on Discussion:

Rep. Fioritto: This resolution works to ensure allocated funds are used in the way they are prescribed by CSG.

Speaker Pasupula. I have concerns that this resolution may result in subverting the reimbursement process already in place which effectively works so that organizations do not misuse funds.

Rep. Fioritto. This resolution only works to affect unit-student governments and I understand the importance of the reimbursement process and this does not work to subvert that process.

Vote on Resolution: Released Unanimously

For Return:

AR 12-056: A Directive and Declarative Resolution calling on the university to revert the AP enrollment priority policy to that prior to March 2021

Notes on Discussion:

Rep. Fioritto: To my knowledge no amendments / changes were made as of yet. There are a few proposed amendments that change the basic language.

Speaker Pasupula: As someone who came into U-M with a considerable amount of credits, I don't think the solution is changing the registration process, it is having more professors offer more classes.

The committee held general conversation on the specifics of the registration process and the most effective way to accommodate students transferring with AP credits.

Rep. Thomas: I believe this solution is not to alter registration as it related to AP credits, I believe it is best to not charge students extra tuition if they enter U-M with a certain amount of credits.

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Vote on Resolution: In hindsight the committee realized this resolution was not referred to them and suspended consideration.

AR 12-057: A Procedural Resolution to add, clarify, or otherwise update the general definitions located within the first subclause of Article VI of the Compiled Code known as the Election Code

Notes on Discussion:

Rep. Fioritto: This resolution makes minor language edits to the compiled code.

Vote on Resolution: Returned Unanimously

General Discussion:

CA 12-002

CA 12-003

AR 12-054

Rep. Thomas got a new carpet.

Adjourned: **4:21 PM**

Electronic approval of the report without objection from the Members.

Attest:

Jarek Schmanski

Committee Chair

- Electronically signed

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