



Central Student Government

Assembly Resolution 13-002

Standing Rules Authorization Act of 2023

Resolution information

Sponsor(s)	Liam Reaser, Rules Chair (LSA)
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Long title	A Procedural Resolution to Authorize Standing Rules for the 13th Assembly
Author Summary	This resolution authorizes Standing Rules for the 13th Assembly by modifying and consolidating the Standing Rules of the 12th Assembly, and writes certain Standing Rules of the 12th Assembly into the Compiled Code and Operating Procedures.

Assembly information (to be completed by the Speaker)

Requirements	Reading in two separate meetings; simple majority vote.
Committees	Rules

Committee Information (to be completed by the respective Committee Chairs)

Committee (if applicable)	Passed For First Reads (Y/N; Initials)	Passed For Second Reads (Y/N; Initials)
Rules	Y; LBR	Y; LBR
Finance		
Communications		
Resolutions		

Attest

Jarek Schmanski, LSA
Speaker of the Assembly

Yes:

No:

Abstain:

Date: ## Month YYYY

Presidential Approval

Meera Herle, Ford

Date

Section 1.

The Central Student Government Assembly finds and declares all of the following:

WHEREAS,

Standing Rule 1 of the 12th Assembly established the Assembly's attendance policy, which has been largely successful in holding Assemblymembers accountable, but has struggled in certain instances to ensure quorum is met at various committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS,

Standing Rule 2 of the 12th Assembly contains the 12th Assembly's consent agenda processes and miscellaneous rules to enhance meeting efficiency, which have expedited the consideration and adoption of uncontroversial business;

AND WHEREAS,

Standing Rule 3 of the 12th Assembly maintains the basis for Assembly leadership to manage the administration of virtual and hybrid meetings of the Assembly;

AND WHEREAS,

Standing Rule 4 of the 12th Assembly contains the language of the Assembly's living land acknowledgement;

AND WHEREAS,

Standing Rule 5 of the 12th Assembly, which authorizes Table Talks, despite formalizing an important priority of the Assembly, was incorrectly disregarded on many occasions, in some part owing to its inflexible text.

AND WHEREAS,

Standing Rule 6 of the 12th Assembly, concerning the creation of a potential DEI Committee, was rarely invoked, but also captures an important priority of the Assembly.

AND WHEREAS,

Standing Rules 7 and 8, which authorize Assemblymembers' use of the CSG office and a modified quorum procedure for committees respectively, were successfully trialed and should be incorporated with more permanence.

Section 2.

THEREFORE it is, by the Students of the University of Michigan, through Central Student Government:

RESOLVED,

Standing Rules 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the 12th Assembly are reauthorized to become Standing Rules 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the 13th Assembly, with modification according to Appendix A.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

Standing Rules 5 and 6 of the 12th Assembly are consolidated, modified, and reauthorized to become Standing Rule 5 of the 13th Assembly according to Appendix A.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

The Compiled Code is amended to include Standing Rule 7 of the 12th Assembly pursuant to Appendix B.

AND FINALLY RESOLVED,

The Operating Procedures are amended to include Standing Rule 8 the 12th Assembly pursuant to Appendix C.

Appendix A.

Standing Rule 1 of the 13th Assembly

1. Required Activities.

- a. **Regular Assembly Meetings.** One absence is assessed for each missed attendance roll call at a regular meeting.
- b. **Engagement.** One absence is assessed each week in which a regular meeting is held for failure to attend at least one of the following:
 - i. A committee meeting;
 - ii. A select committee or task force meeting;
 - iii. ~~An executive commission meeting;~~
 - iv. ~~A meeting of one's academic unit student government;~~
 - v. ~~A meeting of a university committee; or~~
 - vi. A CSG-affiliated event, at the discretion of the Speaker;
 - vii. ~~A community service event, at the discretion of the Speaker; or~~
 - viii. ~~An event centered around DEI or empowering students of color or other marginalized students held by: a student organization representing such students; the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs; the Spectrum Center; the Office of Health Equity and Inclusion; the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; the Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives; or another University entity at the discretion of the Speaker.~~
- c. **Representative Orientation.** Two absences are assessed to a Representative elected to their current seat in a March CSG election who fails to attend the Orientation for Representatives-Elect (Compiled Code Article II Section A(5)) associated with that election.

2. Recall.

- a. A Representative who accumulates six absences between the first meeting of the Legislative Session and the subsequent September 1st, or between that September 1st and the subsequent January 1st, or after that January 1st is placed under recall from their position as a Representative upon the assessment of the sixth such absence.
- b. An Officer who accumulates three absences within a span of two weeks in which regular meetings are held is placed under recall from their position as an Officer upon assessment of the third such absence.

3. Excusal of Absences.

The Speaker or Vice Speaker may excuse an absence directly attributable to any of the following: serious illness, a medical procedure, or recovery from a medical procedure; death or serious illness in the Member's immediate family; a religious holiday that is recognized by the Office of the Provost; lack of accessibility or ability to attend a required meeting or event; or a substantial academic or professional commitment.

- a. All absence excusal requests must be communicated to the Speaker or Vice Speaker no later than ~~twenty-four (24) hours prior to~~ one week following the end of the Assembly meeting in question, ~~or one week following the authorization of this rule, whichever is longer.~~
 - i. ~~This time requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Speaker of the Assembly.~~

Standing Rule 2 of the 13th Assembly

1. By default, Confirmations (including those normally appearing in Convening Business), Recalls, Old Business, and New Business items are placed, in the order in which they would have appeared on the agenda, under a new Agenda Section called "Consent Agenda" which occurs immediately after Reports. Upon arriving at each item within the Consent Agenda Section, the Chair requests Unanimous Consent to that item.

- a. If Unanimous Consent is withheld, the item is placed on the agenda under its normal section, except when the item would normally have been considered under Convening Business, in which case it is considered immediately.
2. Any report to the Assembly delivered during the Reports Agenda Section, other than those delivered by invitation of the Speaker:
 - a. Must be delivered in writing to the Speaker before the meeting.
 - b. Should be delivered verbally, and upon arrival in the Agenda consist of a question period for the submitter of the report.
3. At the start of each Assembly meeting, the following motions will be considered implicitly with unanimous consent:
 - a. To Ratify the Agenda as Prepared
 - b. To Ratify the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Standing Rule 3 of the 13th Assembly

1. The Chair of the meeting, or their designee, is charged with ensuring decorum in the Zoom chat according to the Rules of Conduct of the Assembly under OP 2.4.

Standing Rule 4 of the 13th Assembly

1. The official Land Acknowledgement of the Assembly is as follows:
 - a. The University of Michigan is located on the territory of the Anishinaabe people. In 1817, the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bodéwadmi Nations made the largest single land transfer to the University of Michigan, ceded through the Treaty of Fort Meigs, so that their children could be educated. We recognize the history of displacement of Native communities that facilitated the founding of the University of Michigan. Because this promise has been largely unfulfilled, we offer this acknowledgment to reaffirm contemporary and ancestral Anishinaabek ties to this land as well as the profound contributions of Native Americans to this institution, and will work to hold the University of Michigan accountable to the needs of Indigenous peoples.

Standing Rule 5 of the 13th Assembly

1. The Speaker and DEI Coordinator, in concurrence, shall, on dates at their discretion and at the discretion of invitees, add a section to the Agenda section entitled “Table Talks” to its agenda following Community Concerns and preceding Elections, Confirmations, and Recalls (Operating Procedures Volume II Chapter 1 Section 2).
2. During this section of the Agenda, an affinity-based student organization, invited by the DEI Coordinator, will give a presentation and receive questions from the Assembly with a time limit determined by the Speaker and DEI Coordinator in concurrence.
3. The DEI Coordinator shall determine student organizations eligible and willing to speak before the Assembly. The DEI Coordinator and Speaker shall communicate with such organizations regarding the logistics and format of Table Talks.
4. The DEI Coordinator may deliver a report on any legislation before the Assembly in their capacity as DEI Coordinator following the reports by the Chair of each regular or special committee, or as DEI Committee Chair so long as the Assembly maintains a DEI Committee. Such a report shall not be considered a Report made in that Member’s personal capacity.

Appendix B.

Article II Legislative

A. The Assembly

1. Composition

2. Committees

3. Meetings

4. Miscellaneous

- a. CSG Office Access.** All Members of the Assembly shall be granted M-Card access to the CSG Office to conduct CSG-related business. Members shall not use the CSG Office or its materials for personal or non-CSG activities or functions.

- i. Rescission of Access.** The Assembly, may by a two-thirds vote, restrict office access from any of its Members.

- ii. Access of Non-Members.** The Program Manager may, at their discretion, grant office access to non-Members.

Appendix C.

Volume I The Scaffolding **Chapter 7. Committees**

Section 1. Basic Rules and Explanation.

- A. There are two types of committees: regular and special committees. Regular committees meet weekly to consider business; and special committees meet only upon referral of business to them.
- B. Regular and special committees have a quorum of greater than half of their permanent members in attendance, and must include ~~including~~ the chair or vice-chair. If a regular or special committee fails to meet quorum at any point in the meeting, the Chair may elect to continue the meeting and consider the relevant business without quorum. If the Chair does so, the corresponding committee report must be signed by enough absent permanent Members of the committee who, when counted, constitute a quorum together with the present permanent Members. The Chair may amend their report to incorporate the comments of absent permanent Members, but cannot make any formal motions or amendments on business considered during its meeting. A report created in this manner is submitted to the Speaker in the same manner as any other committee report.
- C. Select committee quorum can be set by its authorizing resolution without changing default membership.
- D. Committee meetings must be open to the public and occur at a fixed time and place, except in cases specifically exempted or by the Assembly as given through instructions in a motion to *Refer* (3.3 § 4).

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Section 5. Types and List of Committees and Their Individual Rights and Responsibilities.

E. Executive Nominations Committee.

1. Meetings.

- b. Quorum for meetings is a simple majority of the Permanent Membership and, and must include either ~~its~~ the chair or ~~its~~ vice-chair; except that if this committee has six total ~~p~~Permanent ~~m~~Members including the chair and the vice-chair, the chair may designate a meeting as only requiring 3 members for quorum, which still must include the chair ~~including themselves~~ or the vice-chair.