

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Senate Meeting House Rules

1. Preamble:

The purpose of these rules are to ensure Senate meetings for the student body are orderly and efficient. Any disparity in the rules here found during a Senate Meeting will be brought to the Supreme Court who will vote on an interpretation

Meeting Order:

Each Senate Meeting will be led by the Vice President. If the Vice President is absent the Senate Meeting will be led the President Pro-Tempore of the senate.

Seating Guidelines:

1. Each Officer must have their name tags in front of their seating.
2. Each branch should sit near other members of the same branch

Senator Guidelines:

1. Senators shall be present at Senate Meetings for the purpose of voting upon bills.
2. Each Senator must wait their turn to speak, any interruption will be dealt with through Trial By Combat
3. They are able to yield their speaking time to an outside party, allowing the party to give their input.
4. Each senator must be apart of one of the four committees, and each committee shall put forth a report at the beginning of each Senate Meeting.
5. When reviewing a bill, if a senator desires to approve said bill they will make a motion for it. If the bill is requesting money then the motion shall include the amount deemed necessary to give to the applicants. Each motion requires a second in order for it to move on to a vote. When voting on motions each senator is permitted to vote upon all motions if desired. The motion that has the most votes in favor shall be moved forward to another round of voting for the bill to pass.
6. If a senator is a member of a club proposing a bill, they will be required to abstain from the vote as for the purpose of keeping the senate impartial when allocating funds.
7. If so desired by the senate, a motion can be made to table a bill for the next meeting.

Justice Guidelines:

1. Overview:

Justices are present at Senate Meetings to ensure everything done in the meetings is constitutional and obeys the students rights defined in the constitution. Justices shall count all votes at the senate meeting and check they match the vice president's count.

2. Justices may speak and ask questions during bill and may yield their time like Senators.

Bill Guidelines:

1. When presenting a bill the Vice President will call up the proposing party to present the bill. The party will give a short description of the bill, no longer than 10 minutes, in front of the senate.
2. The finance committee will give their recommendation on the amount to be awarded based on the amount of money remaining in the account and any other financial concerns.
3. The floor will be open to questions from the Senators or Justices about the bill for up to 20 minutes until the senators are ready to vote on a motion
4. Each motion made will be voted upon by the senators, the motion with the most votes will then be voted by the entire senate and passed if there is a 2/3rd majority votes.

Spectator Guidelines:

1. Any spectators at a Senate Meeting must remain silent unless time is yielded to them. For a spectator to speak they must raise their hand until a senator, justice, or the vice president yields time.
2. Any individual or party who is deemed to be uncooperative by the present Supreme Court will be considered in Contempt of Court. That individual or party will be removed from the meeting for the rest of its duration. This can be challenged to the present senate which will require a 3/4ths vote to overturn the decision.
3. Anyone named Dave shall not be allowed to have facial hair

Disciplinary Action:

1. All disciplinary action should start after all bills for the current meeting have been voted on. It will be mediated by the Chief Justice who can call order if an individual is being disrespectful or talking out of turn.
2. The plaintiff should be
3. If a party is brought up for disciplinary action

Retreat:

1. A retreat should be held once a semester by the vice president for all the senators to learn about their position and role in the SGA.