



# Resolution 29: Amending the Student Assembly Standing Rules to Establish the Consent Agenda

**Abstract:** This resolution makes an amendment to the standing rules implementing a consent agenda as part of the regular Student Assembly meeting agenda.

**Sponsored by:** Lucas Smith '22

**Reviewed by:** Student Assembly,

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

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**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas,** the Student Assembly considers many resolutions every Assembly Year (AY);

**Whereas,** in the 2019-2020 AY 99 resolutions were considered and in the 2020-2021 AY 53 resolutions were considered by the Student Assembly;

**Whereas,** each resolution considered and subsequently passed by the Student Assembly is conveyed to the President of the University for review;

**Whereas,** the President of the University traditionally has 30 days from the day a resolution is conveyed to review and respond;

**Whereas,** responses from the President of the University are most often 'Accepted by the President', 'Rejected by the President', or 'Acknowledged by the President';

**Whereas,** the work of the Student Assembly should not end once a resolution is conveyed to the President regardless of the response received;

**Whereas,** all Representatives on the Student Assembly and community members should be informed as to how the President of the University responds to resolutions passed by the Student Assembly;

**Whereas,** the consent agenda allows for the inclusion of correspondences, approval of meeting minutes, and reports received for information only on the agenda for review without requiring individual votes on each item thereby maintaining efficiency during meetings,

**Whereas,** "Rule 2" of "Sub-section B" of "Section 1: Preamble" of the Standing Rules lines 16-17 states: "The Standing Rules can also be edited at any time by a majority vote of the membership of the SA.",



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30 **Be it therefore resolved**, that to increase the awareness of Student Assembly Representatives  
31 and community members as to how the President of the University or designated members of the  
32 administration respond to submitted resolutions “Section 3: Agenda-Setting Policies and  
33 Procedures” be amended as follows:

34 **N. Rule 14: The Executive Vice President shall place under the consent agenda of the**  
35 **meeting agenda all items that are generally considered routine or procedural and which**  
36 **are likely to be uncontroversial. Items that may fall under the consent agenda include but**  
37 **are not limited to approval of meeting minutes, responses from the President of the**  
38 **University regarding resolutions that have been conveyed from the Student Assembly,**  
39 **and reports provided for reference only. Items included in the consent agenda may be**  
40 **approved by a single vote on all items included within the consent agenda.**  
41 **Representatives may propose amendments to any item listed on the consent agenda prior**  
42 **to voting. Representatives may request an item be removed from the consent agenda and**  
43 **added to the full agenda for any reason.**

44 **Be it finally resolved**, that the consent agenda be implemented within two weeks of the passage  
45 of this amendment to the standing rules.

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47 Respectfully Submitted,

48 Lucas Smith '22

49 *Undesignated At-Large Representative, Student Assembly*