

Draft for Senate discussion

Proposal to Develop Ground Rules (Beyond Robert's Rules of Order) for Faculty Senate Meetings

Here are some points to initiate discussion on this topic

All Senators will commit to:

- Showing up to meetings on time
- Using technology only in support of the meeting
- Staying in the room or keeping video on while the meeting is in session
- Actively listening when someone is speaking, focusing on the discussion
- Conducting themselves in a socially acceptable and professional manner that is indicative of their position as a university scholar
- Keeping comments brief and to the point (3 minutes or less)
- Challenging ideas not people by sharing concerns or opinions without getting personal
- Limiting debate to the merits of the specific motion, not the general subject
- Refraining from sidebar discussions that are not relevant or useful to contribute to the agenda item being discussed
- Allowing others who have not yet spoken on a topic or motion to provide input before they speak for a second time. Senators will also refrain from speaking on a topic more than twice.