

# 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.