

GRADUATE
STUDENT SOCIETY
UBC VANCOUVER

Special Rules of Order

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GSS Mission Statement: The Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver represents and advocates on behalf of all UBC Graduate Students to the University, the Government, and the public. We provide academic, professional, social, and recreational services to our members, and act as stewards of the Thea Koerner House Graduate Student Centre.

1. General

- 1.1 In accordance with Bylaw 4, Council meetings shall be conducted with reference to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- 1.2 Notwithstanding Special Rules of Order Policy 1.1, Council may choose to implement additional rules in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Section 2.20 (in reference to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th edition) as per GSS Policy 3.1.9.
- 1.3 Special Rules of Order Policies may be amended if:
 - (a) the proposed amendments do not violate the rules provided in the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order,
 - (b) the proposed amendments are presented to Council using the Policy Revision Form contained in Appendix XIV of the GSS Policy Manual, and
 - (c) the proposed amendment is approved by ordinary resolution of the members, or special resolution in Council.

2. Special Rules of Order

- 2.1 Each member's speaking time limit per speaking turn is three (3) minutes unless extended by the Council or otherwise specified in the agenda.
- 2.2 The time limit of debate for each motion is twenty (20) minutes unless extended by the Council.
- 2.3 There is no limit on how many times a member can speak on each motion.