



The Joint Senate Statutory Code of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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I. Joint Senate Rules

- a. The Joint Senate Rules shall be under the jurisdiction of the Constitutional Committee.
- b. Bills and Resolutions
 - i. New statutes shall be considered by bill. Each shall be read by the Clerk or another person on their behalf before the Societies at a regular meeting. The bill shall then be referred by the chair to the appropriate committee for consideration if it was not already considered by that committee. The committee shall return the bill with its report at the next regular meeting. This report and the proposed bill shall be read to the Societies and the floor shall be opened for discussion.
 1. A bill may be discharged from committee for immediate consideration of the Joint Senate by 2/3 majority vote of all active senators.
 2. All bills and resolutions approved by the Societies and filed with the appropriate officials shall observe the following form: Bills or resolutions reported or discharged from committee shall, under the heading "Reported", indicate the committee's report (i.e., "Favorable", "Unfavorable", or "Without Prejudice"), and the committee's vote, if any. Bills or resolutions reported from the floor without committee consideration shall be indicated "For Debate".
 3. The Clerk shall assign a number to each bill or resolution proposed: the first part of this number being the number of the session of the Societies (1 for fall, 2 for spring), the second part of which indicating the year since the foundation of the Societies, and the third part indicating the order in the session in which the bill or resolution was

reported to the Clerk. Bills and resolutions shall be numbered in separate sequences. The Clerk shall complete each number by prefixing "B" for bills or "R" for resolutions.

4. Constitutional Amendments shall be recorded as bills, but will follow the procedure for adoption enumerated by the Constitution.
 5. Either the distribution to all Senators of the complete text of the proposed bill followed at least one week later by a majority vote at the last regular meeting of the session or a majority vote at two consecutive regular meetings shall each be sufficient for the adoption of a bill amending the code.
- ii. Resolutions may be passed by the Joint Senate by simple majority. They may be introduced in meetings, discussed, and immediately voted on without being referred to committee and without being placed on the business agenda, at the discretion of the chair. They may not be incorporated into the Constitution or DiPhi Code.
 1. Resolutions may not conflict with the Constitution and may only temporarily modify, negate, or supplement provisions of the DiPhi Code for a specified time period.
 2. Resolutions must have a specified duration of effectiveness, not to exceed one session. Resolutions may be reauthorized.
- c. Notice for Meetings
 - i. Notification of all non-regular meetings of the Joint Senate of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies and any constituent committees shall provide Senators with at least twenty-four hours' notice of intention to conduct business prior to the beginning of the meeting.
 - ii. Only vocal or written notification to each Senator by the convenor shall satisfy the provision for proper notice.
 - iii. Recourse and Review for Improper Notice
 1. Senators who feel that they have not received adequate notice of a meeting shall appeal to the President of the Joint Senate, their Society President, or to a meeting of the Executive Committee.
 2. If notice to all members comprising the committee or committee of the whole is not properly given in accordance with the provisions of this statute, the meeting and all business conducted by it shall be disqualified by the dual declaration of the President and President Pro Tempore of

the Joint Senate or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

3. A three-quarters vote of the active membership of the Joint Senate may declare the meeting valid at their next regular meeting.

d. Voting

- i. All voting shall be as directed in the Constitution and Rules. All votes on the admission, expulsion, or censure of members, or the impeachment of officers, shall not be recorded.
- ii. Proxy Voting
 1. Proxy votes may be accepted as valid provided that the proxy for an active member empowering another active member to vote shall be presented in writing to the chair, and that a valid excuse of absence has been presented and accepted by the chair. Proxies are not valid during the election or impeachment of officers or in votes to admit or expel members.
 2. Proxies may be of a general nature or may specify exactly to what issue the vote pertains and/or the nature of the vote.
 3. Proxies shall be counted as members present and voting. In the case of specific proxies, they shall be so for the particular issue(s) for which the proxy was issued.
- iii. No member shall vote in elections or on Constitutional amendments who has not attended as a member at least four of the regularly scheduled meetings in a regular session of the Senate, inclusive of the night the member was inducted and the night of the vote.
- iv. No member shall vote on a petition for membership if they have not been present for the consideration of applications for membership at a previous meeting.
- v. Members who arrive after the start of discussion on a resolution, motion, or other item of business shall not be eligible to vote on that item, but shall be eligible to vote on all succeeding items.
- vi. It shall be in order for officers and committee chairmen to move the adoption of items of business contained in their reports, and for debate and voting to follow as usual, during the reports of officers and committees. Only those items of business reported out of a committee, or introduced by an officer in their official capacity,

shall be considered, all other items being taken up during old or new business.

- vii. Items on the order of business may be considered out of sequence or dispensed with upon a two-thirds majority vote of members present.
 - viii. In all voting other than elections in which secret ballots might be used, the chair may appoint one teller from each Society to assist.
 - ix. When the Joint Senate is voting on the resolution for the debate of a given meeting's program, all abstentions shall count as non-votes for the purpose of resolving in favor of a given side.
- e. Conduct of Business
- i. At least 24 hours before each meeting, the President shall send out an email detailing all the business to be discussed at the meeting.
 - ii. All business in a meeting must be in the President's business agenda email to be considered.
 - iii. Business must go through consideration in the appropriate committee of jurisdiction as determined by the chair before consideration on the floor of the Joint Senate.
 - iv. The Business Agenda shall consist of three parts.
 - 1. Information items. These shall be reports of officers and committees that need no votes or motions, but are to inform the Joint Senate of actions by officers and committees.
 - 2. Consent items. These motions and votes consist of items not requiring discussion and may be collectively approved by single motion and without objection of the Joint Senate following a reading by the Clerk. Any senator may request a consent item be moved as an action item.
 - 3. Action items. Motions that need to be considered individually, may be potentially contentious, are not likely to get approved without objection, or require floor discussion or executive session.
- f. Elections
- i. The procedure of elections within the Joint Senate shall be as follows:
 - 1. Respective Societies shall make their selections for nominees to Joint Senate offices. At this time, the Joint Senate shall convene for elections, which will take place in declining order of succession. The Society presidents shall announce the nominees of their Societies, and after appropriate debate

on the nominees' merits, the election shall take place. If no member nominated by a Society receives a majority of the votes cast, nominations from the floor will be accepted, to be considered alongside the Societies' nominees. The voting procedure shall then be repeated. If a majority is still not reached, a runoff election between the two highest vote-getters will be conducted. Consideration will then proceed to the next office until all offices are filled.

- ii. In all elections within the Societies, the society presidents shall distribute and collect the secret ballots. The chair and the two society presidents shall serve as tellers, and shall count the ballots before the Societies immediately after they have been cast.
 - iii. If the Presidency should fall vacant, the President Pro Tempore will serve as President until the next regular meeting, at which a special election to fill the office shall be held. If any other office shall fall vacant, the President may appoint a successor pro tempore until the next regular meeting, at which an election to fill the office will be held as above. All such special elections shall be conducted as an item of unfinished business.
- g. Decorum
- i. All members shall attend regular and special meetings of the Societies in dress consonant with the respect due the Societies and their traditions. Suggested dress shall be business casual or business professional. At the discretion of the chair of the Societies, members dressed improperly will be subject to fine, not to exceed two dollars. Consideration should be taken in the enforcement of this section to account for extenuating circumstances.
 - ii. All members in their addresses and remarks shall avoid obscene comments. They shall address other members as "Senator". No member shall allege misconduct by another member unless such remarks are prefixed by a motion of censure, impeachment, or expulsion. Members shall attempt to avoid the introduction of such motions when guests are present.
 - iii. The President may call the Societies into executive session for the conduct of business at their discretion.
 - iv. No member shall leave or cross the chamber while the Societies are in session without requesting permission from the chair.
 - v. No alumnus member shall be admitted into executive session without having first been granted active status by the Societies.

- h. Rules not covered in this Code and Suspension of Rules
 - i. When the Constitution and Code are silent on Joint Senate parliamentary procedure, members shall observe the rules of protocol and decorum set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.
 - ii. Any provision of this Code may be suspended by a two-thirds majority vote for a period not to exceed the current meeting.

II. Executive Policy and Procedure

- a. Summary of Executive Committee Jurisdiction
 - i. Any bills that are being considered for adoption into the Code but do not fit into any of the other standing committees shall be considered by the Executive Committee.
- b. Meetings
 - i. The Societies shall meet in two sessions yearly, the first session being the fall semester, and the second session being the following spring semester. The summer session shall be designated a Special Summer Session.
 - ii. The Societies shall meet regularly every week in the collegiate year, the first meeting of each session convening not later than the third week of the semester.
 - iii. The regular meetings of the Joint Senate of the Societies will convene in the Dialectic Society chamber at 7:30 P.M. on Monday evenings.
 - iv. The order of business for a regular meeting shall be as follows:
 - 1. The call to order.
 - 2. The call of the roll.
 - 3. Announcements.
 - 4. Reading of the minutes
 - 5. The presentation of the scheduled program.
 - 6. Report of the Critic.
 - 7. Induction of new members.
 - 8. The reports of officers and committees.
 - 9. Unfinished business and general orders of business.
 - 10. New business.
 - 11. Petitions, papers, memorials, and addresses.
 - 12. Announcements.
 - 13. Adjournment.
 - v. When possible, at least one meeting shall be devoted to a full debate between the two Societies.

- vi. The last regular meeting of each session shall be held on the last regular meeting night before the first day of semester examinations. This last meeting shall be a business meeting, and all members shall be required to attend on pain of fine and reprimand. At this meeting all unfinished business shall be finished, all committees and officers shall make final reports, and the inauguration of officers for the following session shall be held.
 - vii. Attendance of visitors shall be regulated at the discretion of the President.
 - viii. Special meetings of the Societies may be called by the President or by any three officers at any time, provided at least twenty- four hours' notice is given to all active members.
 - ix. The Societies may hold additional business meetings for the consideration of lengthy or extraordinary items of business, to avoid extended debate during weekly regular meetings. Such business meetings shall be considered regular meetings regardless of their time or location, and shall follow the same order of business as the weekly regular meetings except for the elimination of the program. Any active member failing to attend a business meeting is subject to fine or reprimand. Notice of such additional business meetings must be given to all active members at least one week prior to the meeting.
- c. Officers at Meetings
- i. If any officer is not present at a meeting, the chair may designate any other active member to serve in that office for the duration of that meeting only.
 - ii. The President, or any other presiding officer, may "call to the chair" the next highest officer in succession to preside for any specified length of time, provided that the member shall not preside for more than one meeting.
- d. Attendance
- i. Members who are present for less than one (1) hour of a meeting shall be considered absent for that meeting.
- e. The Faculty Advisor
- i. All faculty employed by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall be eligible to be elected Faculty Advisor.
 - ii. The Faculty Advisor shall advise and assist the Societies as needed.
 - iii. The Faculty Advisor shall be granted all the rights and privileges of an active faculty member of the Societies during their tenure. The

Faculty Advisor shall not be required to attend meetings or pay dues.

- iv. An election for the post of Faculty Advisor shall be held at the last regular meeting of each spring session. The Faculty Advisor shall serve until the next election for the post.
- v. Should the post of faculty Advisor fall vacant, the Societies shall elect a new Faculty Advisor by majority vote at the next meeting.
- f. Records of Bills, Resolutions, Correspondence, and papers
 - i. All original copies of bills, resolutions, correspondence, and other papers of the Societies shall be maintained in the offices of the Societies, which shall be located in the Dialectic chambers; duplicate copies, when and where possible, shall be bound and deposited in the Societies' library. Original copies shall remain in the offices for three semesters and then shall be deposited by the Historian in the Societies' archives in the Southern Historical Collection. At least one copy of all bills and resolutions approved by the Societies shall be filed with the Clerk. At least one copy of all bills amending the Constitution or Code and all internal resolutions shall be filed with the President Pro Tempore as chairman of the Constitution Committee.
- g. The Societies' Library
 - i. All books, periodicals, and bound paper belonging to the Societies shall be maintained in the Societies' library in the Philanthropic chambers.
 - ii. In order to remove a book or periodical from the Societies' library, a member must sign it out on a list administered by the Curator of the Societies. The Curator shall make a physical copy of this list available in the Philanthropic Chamber. Only members may sign out materials, and they shall be responsible for their safekeeping and return. Members who lose or damage materials shall be liable for them at the cost of replacement or repair. The President, at the request of the Curator, may levy fines at their discretion for failure to return materials promptly.
 - iii. There shall be an up-to-date copy of the Joint Senate Constitution, the DiPhi Code, the Guide to Petitioning the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, and all of the minutes from the two most recent past regular sessions in the Societies' library at all times.
- h. Access to New East and New West

- i. The Joint Senate President, or a deputy they shall select for this task, shall be responsible for providing senators with access to the Societies Chambers.
 - ii. The Joint Senate President shall be responsible for collecting keys from senators leaving the Societies.
 - iii. Any senator expelled from the Societies, or choosing to resign, shall be required to surrender their key.
 - iv. Any senator who graduates from the Societies and does not plan to stay active in the Societies shall be required to return their key to the Joint Senate President at or before the Graduation Meeting, in order to receive their diploma.
 - v. Any graduating senator who can, in good faith, attest that they will continue, after graduation, to be an active senator of the Societies, may keep their key until such time as they decides to leave the Societies, at which time they shall be required to give back their key to the Joint Senate President.
- i. Officer Handbooks
 - i. The President, President Pro Tempore, Critic, Clerk, Treasurer, Sergeant- At- Arms, and Historian of the Joint Senate shall write and update a handbook containing all information necessary for the completion of the duties of their respective offices.
 - ii. Each handbook will begin with an introduction to the office in question, including all relevant passages in the Constitution and DiPhi Code and commentary on the nature of the mandated duties and responsibilities of the office.
 - iii. The next sections of the handbook will consist of information relating to the completion of the duties and responsibilities of the office, including but not limited to useful contact information, relevant university policies, important dates, copies of work by past officers, and advice from past officers.
 - iv. No materials in the handbook may be original records necessary for the operation of the Joint Senate. All included Joint Senate records must be duplicates.
 - v. The handbook will consist of both an archival print copy and an electronic copy, updated in tandem.
 - vi. Each of the aforementioned officers shall be responsible for updating the handbook for their office with all new information obtained since the beginning of their term. Each officer shall give

the handbook of their office to their successor within a week of the successor's election.

III. Membership

a. Petitioning for Membership

i. Responsibilities of the Petitioner

1. The petitioner will ask an active Senator of the Society that they wish to join to sponsor their petition for membership.
2. The petitioner shall read the most recent version of the "Guide to Petitioning the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies" approved by the Joint Senate, unless otherwise instructed by the Joint Senate President.
3. The petitioner shall attend at least three (3) meetings, including their petitioning meeting and the meeting immediately prior to it, within the six (6) weeks prior to, and inclusive of, their petition. They shall be present for the entirety of at least two (2) of these meetings.
4. Any non-member petitioning for active membership must be sponsored by a non-lapsed member of the Societies, who must have agreed to sponsorship at least one regular meeting prior to the night of the petition. This requirement may be waived by a two-thirds majority vote; in such a case it is suggested that the Membership Committee investigate to determine why a proper sponsor was not secured and how this might be avoided in the future.
5. The petitioner shall speak on at least two occasions before, and not inclusive of, their petitioning speech. One of these occasions shall be in debate during the meeting's program.
6. The petitioner shall meet with their sponsor at least three (3) days prior to their petition. At this meeting, they shall discuss the topic of their petitioning speech with their sponsor and provide their sponsor any required information. The petitioner shall present a well-stated and clear thesis, and an argument for this thesis, at their petition. The petitioner shall be knowledgeable on their topic and have done any necessary research.
7. A written copy of the petitioner's speech must be delivered to the Clerk immediately following the petition. This requirement may be waived by a majority vote during consideration of the petition.

ii. Responsibilities of the Sponsor

1. A Senator who wishes to become a sponsor will not approach a guest and ask to be their sponsor.
2. The sponsor shall read the most recent version of the "Guide to Petitioning the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies" approved by the Joint Senate, unless otherwise instructed by the Joint Senate President.
3. The sponsor shall have seen at least two (2) executive sessions during which the Societies shall have considered a petition before they shall agree to sponsor a petitioner.
4. The sponsor shall inform the body of their petitioner's upcoming petition at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting of the petition. This requirement may be waived by a two-thirds vote at the time of the petition.
5. The sponsor shall inform their petitioner of all the requirements, explicit or implicit, that the Societies place on petitioners. Failure on the part of the sponsor to do so shall not constitute grounds for automatic admission or rejection of a petitioner.
6. The sponsor must be present during the petition, and shall speak first during consideration of the petition. This requirement may be waived by a simple majority vote; in such a case it is suggested that the sponsor be fined and/or reprimanded unless they should present a valid excuse.
7. The sponsor shall present the following information regarding the petitioner during the executive session following the petition:
 - a. Local address
 - b. Hometown; High school(s); Year and major
 - c. High-school and college activities, especially those related to debate and literature; Hobbies
 - d. Previous speech or debate experience, if any; Why he is petitioning
 - e. What They Can offer the Societies; And what they plans to gain from the Societies
 - f. How many Joint Senate meetings the petitioner has attended; Which debate(s) the petitioner has spoken in
 - g. Which PPMAs the petitioner has given, if any

- i. Dues for active membership shall be \$40 per session, and shall be paid to the Joint Senate Treasurer. New members admitted after the beginning of the semesters shall pay their dues on a pro rata basis.
 - ii. The Clerk, in recognition of the large amount of work required of them outside the meetings of the societies, shall not be required to pay dues.
 - iii. Members who persist in the non-payment of dues beyond the roll call of the fourth (4th) regular meeting of the session shall lose the right to vote in meetings of the Joint Senate. They shall re this right immediately upon paying the Treasurer the amount they owe in full.
 - iv. In the event that a member of the Societies is unable to pay their dues, they may petition the Societies to suspend their requirement to pay dues for that session for a definite or indefinite period of time, and the Societies may grant the petition by a majority vote. If the member wishes to present evidence in support of their petition in confidence, they may request an executive session to present their petition, or they may ask the Executive Committee to hear that evidence in closed session and report to the Societies on its merits.
 - v. Should a suspension be granted, that member will suffer no penalty, particularly the loss of their vote, or non-payment of dues for the term of the suspension. However, that member shall still owe the full amount of their dues and, in asking for a suspension, must solemnly pledge to pay them if and as funds become available to him. It is also expected that members will exhaust all reasonable alternatives before asking for waiver or suspension. While the principles of the Societies forbid them to deny members the ability to vote purely on the basis of financial need, they also forbid members to take improper advantage of that fact.
- b. Expenditures of the Joint Senate
- i. Budget of the Joint Senate
 1. The Finance Committee shall be charged with preparing a comprehensive Budget of the Joint Senate to be introduced to the general body no later than the fourth (4th) meeting of each session of the Societies.
 2. Every officer and committee chair anticipating any expenditures or greater shall submit a request to the Finance Committee for those funds by the second (2nd) meeting of that session in order to be considered for the Budget.

3. The Budget of any session of the Joint Senate shall come into effect upon its passing by a simple majority of Senators present at one meeting of that session.
 4. All expenditures approved in the Budget may be reimbursed by the Treasurer of the Joint Senate with no further approval by the Societies.
 5. The Budget shall be required to contain the following three elements:
 - a. Year, session, and meeting at which it passes, to be determined by the Clerk of the Joint Senate
 - b. Current balance of the bank account of the Societies, to be given by the Treasurer of the Joint Senate
 - c. List of anticipated expenditures of the Societies, including justification and totals.
 6. The total of expenditures in the Budget shall not exceed the total dues expected at that time, to be calculated as the number of active Senators multiplied by the per Senator cost of dues for active membership, by more than \$150.
- ii. Special Expenditures
 1. Any expenditure not included in the Budget shall be defined as a special expenditure.
 2. Any expenditure of \$100.00 or greater is defined as a major expenditure and must be considered by the Finance Committee, as provided in the Constitution, before approval by the Societies.
 3. All expenditures shall require approval by a simple majority of the Societies.
- c. Joint Senate Financial Accounts
 - i. Use of the Accounts
 1. The President and the Treasurer of the Joint Senate shall both have full access to the bank account of the Societies at all times.
 2. The Treasurer shall be solely empowered to manage the Societies' financial accounts in accordance with the duties expressed in Article III, Section 7 of the Joint Senate Constitution.
 3. At no time shall the Treasurer make a cash withdrawal from the account of the Societies.
 - ii. Transferring the Bank Account

1. Any Treasurer-elect and President-elect of the Joint Senate must meet with the Treasurer and President of the current session before the end of the session in order to transfer the bank account of the Societies. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer-elect to organize the meeting.

V. Programs, Speakers, and Interventions

- a. The duration of the program section of a meeting may not exceed one hour. There shall be an announcement given at forty- five minutes that the program must end in fifteen minutes, so that the speakers and/or the chairman of the Programs Committee may bring the program to a close. The one-hour limit shall be considered to begin at the time the program is introduced, and when it has expired the Societies shall move immediately to the next item in the order of business. This limit may be suspended for a particular meeting by a majority vote, either in advance or as the time limit expires.
- b. For regular debates, unless otherwise specified, the following time limits shall apply to individual speeches:
 - i. For primary speakers, seven (7) minutes with an additional two (2) minutes of queries.
 - ii. For secondary speakers, five (5) minutes with an additional two (2) minutes of queries.
 - iii. For speakers from the floor, four (4) minutes with an additional two (2) minutes of queries. Any or all of these limits may be extended for individual speeches, or for the entire program, by a majority vote. It is strongly suggested that all due courtesy be extended to guests in enforcing this provision.
- c. All speeches and other presentations during Papers, Petitions, Memorials, and Addresses, except for memorials, shall be limited to a duration of five minutes, unless the Societies waive the limit by a majority vote. It is strongly suggested that due courtesy be extended to guests and petitioners in enforcing this provision.
- d. The Critic shall be charged with the enforcement of these time limits and with keeping speakers well informed of the time left to them.
- e. All members shall rise from their seats to gain the floor, and shall remain standing either at their seats or at the rostrum while addressing the Societies. However, no member may rise while another member or a guest is speaking except to make a motion or point which may interrupt a speaker in parliamentary procedure. For remarks of more than three minutes' duration it is advisable that members speak from the rostrum.

Members shall request permission from the chair to approach the rostrum and shall retire from it immediately upon completing their remarks unless responding to questions.

- f. Members arriving late during a program may enter quietly by the door furthest from the rostrum. When members wish to address a speaker during time reserved for questioning, they are not allowed to engage in “conversation”, the practice of asking more questions than they were allotted when recognized or making statements that are not direct questions. Members may ask for “multi- part” questions, but even with this qualifier may ask no more than three at once.
- g. Centennial and Bicentennial Debates
 - i. Every Fall semester, the Societies shall engage in, as the program during a regular meeting, a Centennial Debate. Every Spring semester, the Societies shall engage in, as the program during a regular meeting, a Bicentennial Debate, as described in this Act.
 - ii. The resolution for the Centennial Debate shall be a resolution debated by either or both of the Societies during the year one century (100 years) prior to the current year. The resolution for the Bicentennial Debate shall be a resolution debated by either or both of the Societies during the year two centuries (200 years) prior to the current year.
 - iii. By the fifth (5th) meeting of each session, the Joint Senate Historian shall compile a list of suitable resolutions for the debate in question which shall be presented to the Societies at a regular meeting. At the time of their report, the Societies shall select one of the proposed resolutions by a majority vote.
 - iv. After the Societies have selected a topic for the Centennial or Bicentennial Debate, as appropriate, the individual societies shall each select a Primary and a Secondary speaker to speak in the debate. The presidents of the respective societies shall report their society's Primary and Secondary speakers to the Societies.
 - v. The Dialectic Society shall speak in the affirmative and the Philanthropic Society shall speak in the negative in the Centennial Debate resolution, reversing sides for the Bicentennial Debate.
 - vi. The format of the Centennial and Bicentennial Debates and the time limits for speakers shall be as follows, alternating between affirmative and negative:
 - 1. Primary speeches, seven (7) minutes each
 - 2. Secondary speeches, five (5) minutes each

3. Rebuttal speeches, given by the primary speakers, three (3) minutes each
 4. Any or all of these time limits may be extended or shortened by a majority vote, but only before the program is underway.
 5. Queries and/or floor speeches are not allowed during Centennial or Bicentennial Debates.
- vii. At the conclusion of the Centennial or Bicentennial Debate, the Societies shall take two votes. These votes shall be by secret ballot.
1. The first vote shall be with regard to accepting or rejecting the resolution.
 2. The second vote shall be with regard to which Society gave the better presentation of their arguments.
 3. The results of both votes shall be announced together.

VI. Summer

a. Special Summer Session

- i. At the final meeting of the spring session, the Societies may deliberate upon the possibility of conducting a summer session. Any motion to conduct such a session must carry a majority vote to become effective.
- ii. The entire summer shall be considered one term. It shall be designated the Special Summer Session.
- iii. The summer session shall be subordinate to and not interfere with the Joint Senate. The Joint Senate President shall have the power to dissolve the summer session.
- iv. If it is the will of the Societies to conduct a summer session, the next order of business shall be to elect a member to the office of President of the Special Summer Session. Other summer session officers may be elected during the summer session.
- v. All classes of members of the Societies shall be treated as eligible for full participation in the Special Summer Session.
- vi. The Summer Session of the Societies shall not have the use of any funds of the Societies except such as they collect from fees and assignments during that session. Any funds remaining at the beginning of the fall session shall be added to the regular Societies' funds.
- vii. The Summer Session of the Societies shall not have the authority to change or amend the Constitution or Code in any manner, and it shall not have the power to take anyone into full membership in the

Societies. Participation in a Summer Session shall not be counted towards tenure for election to office, and absences from a Summer Session shall not be counted towards suspension for absences.

b. The Summer Warden

- i. The President of the Joint Senate may appoint any available Senator to the position of Summer Warden. The President may appoint, dismiss, or replace a Summer Warden with immediate effect at any time between the start of the final meeting of the Spring Session and the opening of the first meeting of the Fall Session. Such changes shall become effective upon notification to the Joint Senate. If the Summer Warden shall find themselves unable to continue in the position they may submit their resignation to the Joint Senate President provided that they give forty-eight (48) hours' notice before it becomes effective without further action from the President provided they return any keys associated with the position.
- ii. The Summer Warden is responsible for the maintenance of the chambers and with the checking of the Societies' mail during their tenure.
- iii. The Summer Warden may approve chamber requests and waive fees provided they notify the Joint Senate President and the Sergeant-at-Arms twenty-four (24) hours prior to communicating approval to the requesting group. The Summer Warden may accept payment on behalf of the Societies, but may not disburse funds.
- iv. The President may assign the Summer Warden other duties which they deem necessary and proper.
- v. The Summer Warden shall report on any Summer activities at the first meeting of the Fall Session of the Societies. This report shall conclude the duties of the Summer Warden unless otherwise determined by the Joint Senate.