A Procedural Amendment

This is a procedural amendment to Rules and Procedures of the University of New Orleans Student Government, specifically to the content falling under Article II, Section 3, sub-section A of the “Structure of Discussion” as it pertains to Senate meetings, to be henceforth revised to provide that the burden and responsibility of recognition and introduction of senators wishing to speak be placed in the hands of the Presiding Officer.

Whereas, there have been continued incidences of Senators and members of the body failing to state their names and respective colleges when called upon to speak with both general and special sessions.

Whereas, the new methods of recognition are borrowed directly from the parliamentary procedure and standing rules of the United States Congress, as well as other bodies considered to be formal, representative legislatures.

Whereas, by placing this responsibility upon the Presiding Officer, it will provide benefit for the Clerk of Senate in his or her duties to take formal meeting minutes and prevent the recollection of instances where certain sections of senate debate were either unaccounted for, attributed to the incorrect speaker, or bluntly left out due to the unknown nature of those specific deliberative points’ respective origins.

Whereas, this will reinforce the necessity of the Presiding Officer to better understand and know the members of the legislature, as well as the specific colleges that they, as senators, represent, thus fostering greater cooperation and understanding between the Executive and Legislative branch in both direct and indirect facets.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS STUDENT GOVERNMENT THAT:

1. THAT, WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS STUDENT GOVERNMENT “RULES AND PROCEDURES,” REVISIONS BE MADE TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION A, ORIGINALLY WORDED AS:

   “a. A Senator shall announce his/her intention to speak on a matter by raising his/her hand, and quietly waiting to be recognized in the order in which their request was made. Upon recognition, a Senator will be granted the opportunity to participate in discussion. Prior to discussion, the Senator shall stand and state their name and the college they represent. The Senator shall remain standing throughout their comments, unless there is a medical reason that will not allow it. At the discretion of the Presiding Officer, the Senator shall be given enough time to participate in the discussion or voice his/her opinion on the subject at hand.”

BE AMENDED TO READ:

   “a. A Senator shall announce his/her intention to speak on a matter by raising his/her hand, and quietly waiting to be recognized in the order in which their request was made. Upon recognition, a Senator will be granted the opportunity to participate in discussion. Formal recognition is given when the Presiding Officer states that he/she recognizes the representative when their formal title, accompanied by last name, is given in tandem with the college in which they reside and represent. The Senator shall remain standing throughout their comments, unless there is a medical reason that will not allow it. At the discretion
of the Presiding Officer, the Senator shall be given enough time to participate in the discussion or voice his/her opinion on the subject at hand."

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Senate Action: Passed
Vote: 19-0
11-18-14

PRESIDING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
DATE

SG President’s Action: Pass
11-24-14

SG PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE
VETO OVERRIDE
DATE

Senate Action on Veto:
Vote:

PRESIDING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
DATE
AMENDMENT

University of New Orleans
Student Government Senate

Bill Number: PA.F14K021 Amendment Number: 1

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Amendment Wording:

TO CREATE A SUB-SECTION B TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3 OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES, READ AS:

"b. Those present within the chamber that are not considered to be members of the Student Government legislature, executive board, judicial branch, or the advisory, shall stand and state their names and title upon recognition by the Presiding Officer."

Senate Action: Passed

Date: 11-18-14

Presiding Officer's Signature: ___________