A Procedural Amendment

This is a procedural amendment to add a period of debate for all nominations and appointments so that nominees and appointees are appropriately vetted, debated, and discussed.

Whereas, the current lack of a debate period causes many votes on a variety of Student Government positions not be adequately discussed.

Whereas, it is important that the representatives of the Student Body be responsibly chosen and confirmed by the Senate.

Whereas, a Debate Period may be created by a Procedural Amendment to end this issue.

Whereas, a Debate Period is the simplest and most efficient course of action to achieve these goals.

Whereas, it is the opinion of the SG Vice President, Governance Chair, and Governance Committee that this change will benefit the Senate and Student Government at large.

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

1. That Subsection X. Nominations and Appointments of Article II – Rules of Order, Section 2-Order of Business, in the Rules and Procedures of the Student Government Senate of the University of New Orleans; be amended to add “When no Senators have remaining questions for the nominee or appointee, then the nominee or appointee shall leave the room while the Senate debates the nomination or appointment. Debate shall be structured as Initial Debate and Final Debate in the following manner: The Initial Debate shall be divided into three parts. First, Three Minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak against the nominee or appointee. Second, Three Minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak in favor of the nominee or appointee, Third, Six Minutes of open discussion in which senators can question and discuss with each other the merits of their position on the nominee or appointee. The Final Debate shall be divided into two parts. First, Three Minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak against the nominee or appointee. Second, Three Minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak in favor of the nominee or appointee. This shall be done for each appointment and nomination. The Senate may motion to withhold debate on each appointment and nomination until all appointees and nominees has been presented and questioned. At such a time each candidate will be debated one after another. This motion requires a second, and a simple majority.”
Senate Action: Passes

Signature: [Signature]

Vote: 94-0, 0-0

Date: 1-27-15

PRESIDING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

SG President's Action:

SG PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Senator Action on Veto:

VETO OVERRIDE

Vote:

PRESIDING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

DATE
AMENDMENT

University of New Orleans
Student Government Senate

Bill Number: PAS15A026  Amendment Number: 1

Author: Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: 1-27-15

Amendment Wording:

See Attached

and Sen. Charles Hollis is added as co-sponsor

Senate Action: adopted  Date: 1-27-15

Presiding Officer's Signature: [Signature]
TO ADD THE WORDING:

At the end of an open discussion period any Senator may motion to extend the open discussion period by no more than six minutes. This motion requires a 2nd, and a simple majority of all senators voting and present.

Open discussion speakers are limited to 30 seconds of speaking time per time they are recognized by the Presiding Officer.

SO THE BE IT ENACTED APPEARS AS:

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II. The Final Debate shall be divided into two parts. First, Three Minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak against the nominee or appointee. Second, Three Minutes of speaking time for those who wish to speak in favor of the nominee or appointee. This shall be done for each appointment and nomination. The Senate may motion to withhold debate on each appointment and nomination until all appointees and nominees has been presented and questioned. At such a time each candidate will be debated one after another. This motion requires a second, and a simple majority."