



## Standing Rules of the Senate: Resolutions

In general, Resolutions are a legislative method for the Senate to adopt positions on policy related to undergraduate life or interest, approve USG operational actions (i.e. the USG Budget), approve the formation of ad hoc committees of the USG, constitutional amendments, and address any other University issues or ideas the Senate deems urgent or necessary. Any member of the Senate can submit a Draft Resolution to be proposed before the entire Senate for a discussion and vote. This includes submitting a Draft Resolution on behalf of an undergraduate member of the University (a non-Senate Member). Unless otherwise specified in the Constitution, Senate procedure generally dictates that Resolutions require a simply majority for approval (50%+1) of the voting members.

In general, the President will solicit a volunteer from the USG Senate or undergraduates at large to act, with confirmation from the USG Senate, as the Senate designee to assist USG Senate members in drafting Resolutions following the specific format (found below and online). In order to submit a Draft Resolution for a vote, a Senate member must do the following:

1. Inform the President, Vice President, and Presidential designee responsible for helping to draft resolutions of their interest of bringing a Resolution to the Senate for a vote **at least one full week before a Senate Meeting.**
2. The Senate member will then meet with the designee to discuss the purpose, language, and ideas for the proposed Draft Resolution shortly after informing the President, Vice President, and designee of their intention.
3. Working with the Senate Member, the designee will create a Draft Resolution following the standard Senate Resolution format and submit it to the Vice President and Executive Secretary prior to the designated Senate Meeting where it is to be discussed and voted upon.
4. During the Senate Meeting, the Senate can propose amendments and changes to the language of the Draft Resolution before holding a vote. A vote can still take place on the Draft Resolution during the same Senate Meeting as long as the amendments and language changes are approved by a majority of the Senate and incorporated into a final copy of the Resolution (to be presented to the Senate at a later date).
5. Publish the approved Resolution online on the USG Website along with the number of Senate Members voting in favor, against, or abstaining.

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THE SENATE

princeton university, princeton, new jersey

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Senate Resolution 1-2016

Submitted by ETHAN MARCUS '18, U-Councilor

Resolution

Adopting New Standing Rules of the Senate: Resolutions

*Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government,*

**SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF NEW STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.**

In accordance with sections § 406. *Rules; Parliamentary Authority* of the Senate Constitution, the Senate adopts a new set of Standing Rules, Known as *Standing Rules of the Senate: Resolutions* (see addendum document), to conduct itself in an orderly manner in line with proper parliamentary procedure.

Approved March 20, 2016.

JEREMY BURTON '18,  
*Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and  
Presiding Officer of the Senate.*

Attest:

DANIEL QIAN '19,  
*Executive Secretary of the Senate.*

EXAMPLE RESOLUTIONS: FUND REQUESTS

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Senate Resolution 1-2015

Submitted by SIMON WU '17, Social Committee Chair

Resolution

Approving a fund request for Spring 2015 Lawnparties.

*Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government,*

**SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF FUND REQUEST.**

In accordance with sections 304 and 503 of the Senate Constitution, the Senate approves the request of \$79,000 by the Social Committee for Spring 2015 Lawnparties, to be held on May 3, 2015.

[Reviser's Note: The Senate members who were to be incumbent on February 2, 2015 approved this resolution because the fund request was for a Senate outlay for Spring 2015.]

Approved January 28, 2015.

ALEKSANDRA CZULAK '17,  
*Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and  
Presiding Officer of the Senate.*

Attest:

JEREMY BURTON '18,  
*Executive Secretary of the Senate.*

EXAMPLE RESOLUTIONS: AD-HOC COMMITTEE FORMATION

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Senate Resolution 9-2015

Submitted by ELLA CHENG '16, President

Resolution

Creating the Committee on Diversity and Institutional Equity and prescribing its roles.

*Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government,*

SECTION 1. CREATION.

In accordance with section 305 of the Senate Constitution, the Senate creates the Committee on Diversity and Institutional Equity as an ad hoc committee of the Senate.

SEC. 2. ROLES.

The roles of the Committee on Diversity and Institutional Equity created under section 1 are as follows:

- (1) Examine the feasibility of a diversity education program for undergraduates and coordinate with campus partners on the possible implementation of such a program.
- (2) Implement a diversity leadership-training program for undergraduates.
- (3) Centralize diversity resources to increase their accessibility to undergraduates.
- (4) Encourage open dialogue among students relating to their backgrounds and identities.
- (5) Support other projects and initiatives that show all students that they are valued members of the University community.

Approved February 8, 2015.

ALEKSANDRA CZULAK '17,

*Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and  
Presiding Officer of the Senate.*

Attest:

JEREMY BURTON '18,

*Executive Secretary of the Senate.*