



THE STANDING ORDERS OF A GENERAL STUDENT MEETING

AUTHORITY

A Rule of the Adelaide University Union (AUU) enacted pursuant to Clause 18 of the AUU Constitution.

RULES

1. Objectives

That General Student Meetings (GSM) are conducted in an orderly and fair manner.

2. Definitions

2.1 The definitions in Clause 3 of the AUU Constitution apply to this Rule.

2.2 The following definitions apply to all AUU documents:

“Independent Parties” means persons who are not members of the AUU and who have no vested interest in the outcome of the GSM.

3. Interpretation

Interpretation of this policy is within the jurisdiction of the President, pursuant to the authority of Board.

4. Calling a General Student Meeting

[Cross Reference: AUU Constitution Clause 22]

A GSM must be called by the C.E.O. when required to do so under Clause 22 of the AUU Constitution.

5. Location of a General Student Meeting

A GSM must be held on the Barr Smith Lawns. If the weather does not permit this, the GSM will be held in a location of the Chair's choosing within Union House.

6. Notice Requirements

Notices specifying the time, location, and specific business of the GSM must be displayed by the President in at least three conspicuous locations in AUU Facilities on the North Terrace, Waite and Roseworthy Campuses.

If possible, notification will also be published in On Dit.



7. The Chair

The President of the Board shall Chair the GSM. Where the President is unwilling or unable to Chair the GSM, a person appointed from and by the Executive will Chair the meeting.

8. Meeting Conduct

8.1 Quorum

8.1.1 At 1:00 pm on the day of the meeting, the Chair shall invite members present to raise their hands in order to see whether quorum has been reached. If it is not, the Chair must repeat this procedure every five minutes.

8.1.2 If quorum is not reached by 1:20 pm the meeting lapses.

8.1.3 The quorum count must be done prior to any vote as well.

8.2 Resolutions

[Cross Reference: AUU Constitution Clauses 22.3 & 23.2]

8.2.1 No substantive motions will be allowed at a GSM, except those moved by petition pursuant to Clauses 22.3 and 23.2 of the AUU Constitution.

8.2.2 The Chair must endeavor to ensure that those for and against a resolution are evenly represented by speakers.

8.2.3 There will be no automatic right of reply.

8.2.4 Foreshadowed motions must not be moved.

8.2.5 Any motion submitted for the GSM will be capable of amendment without any prior notice by a simple majority of those entitled to vote in attendance. The amended motion will be treated as the original motion.

8.2.6 The vote on any motion must begin at 1:40 pm and be completed by 2:00 pm, provided that the time for completion of voting may be extended by 10 minutes by resolution of the GSM.

8.2.7 The count on a vote must be done by division if three members of the AUU or the Chair so request.

8.2.8 The Chair must appoint at least two independent parties to count the vote.

8.2.9 The Chair must declare to the meeting whether a motion has been carried and whether it has been carried by a majority of 100 or more.

8.3 Other Standing Orders

The Rules Concerning the Standing Orders of Board apply to GSMs to the extent that they are consistent with these Rules. If there is an inconsistency, the Rules Concerning the Standing Orders of a GSM will prevail.

9. Reports to Board

[Cross Reference: Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer/Student Services Director Policy Clause 5.2.22]

The President must prepare a report to be presented to Board, which shall include any resolutions and the minutes of the meeting.



10. Safe Guard

Any resolution of a GSM recommending that the Board do an act which in the opinion of the AUU's solicitors is unlawful or ultra vires of the AUU's Constitution or Rules is void.

11. Availability of Rules

A copy of these Rules must be available from the Chair of the GSM at the GSM.

HISTORY

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