



**71<sup>st</sup> Student Senate  
Rules and Calendar  
February 6, 2019**

**Call to Order:** 6:37 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairs Denton, Ready, Hoffman, Durham, Johnston, Vice Chair Gurau

**Members Tardy:** None

**Members Absent:** Chair Glanton (excused)

**Guest(s):** Senator Harris

**Announcements:** None

**Committee Business:**

- Resolution 13 - Sponsored by Harris and Leckie

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- Resolution 13 - amending rules and procedure to include a question and answer period
  - Senator Harris: This resolution will create a 10 minute period for debatable questions after non-technical debatable questions. Sponsors understand the “points” system already allows for this, but it is too confusing. The current system discourages senators from asking debatable questions, so this bill tries to make bills more efficient and transparent.
  - Chair Hoffman: Would this replace non-technical debatable?
    - No
  - Chair Durham: Would this replace points?
    - No
  - Chair Durham moves to enter round table discussion
    - Chair Hoffman seconds
  - Senator Harris: This resolution is to help senators get things of their chest before voting.
  - Chair Hoffman: How did the sponsors arrive at 10 minutes?
    - Senator Harris: Arbitrary decision. Open to making it longer/shorter.
  - Chair Ready: Concerned that this will take up more time during Senate and will replace traditional Robert’s Rules of Order.
  - Chair Hoffman moves to enter pro/con
    - Chair Johnston seconds
  - First round of pro
    - None
  - First round of con
    - Chair Durham: Understands intent, but this resolution isn’t necessary since point of information is a tool for senators to use

- Chair Hoffman: Understands intent, but 10 minutes is too much time to allot for questions and change in rules should be done at the beginning of a senate
- Chair Denton: People don't really use points so maybe the best way to fix this is actually use the guidebook ... start using more points more often and maybe leadership should set an example for the rest of senate .... Study roberts rules and everyone should start using points more often
- Chair Ready: Echoes the rest of the chairs and we should do things the way that they are done, use a system that is already in place and commends Senator Harris for thinking of this.
- Chair Johnston: We have points and we should just keep enforcing this and adding this would be kind of a waste of time
- Vote:
  - Denton: No
  - Durham: No
  - Gurau: No
  - Hoffman: No
  - Ready: No
  - Johnston: No

**RESOLUTION 13 FAILS IN RULES & CALENDAR**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Final Announcements:**

- Chair Durham: Please come to the bureau review process.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Thagard 4

**Adjourned:** 7:09 p.m.