

RULES OF THE SENATE

RULE I. Committee Composition:

In appointing persons to committees, the Executive Committee shall adhere to the following guidelines.

- A. Every committee shall have at least a simple majority of the membership composed of elected Senators;
- B. Members of standing committees shall serve until the completion of regularly scheduled annual faculty elections. Non-Senate members appointed to ad hoc committees may serve for the duration of the work of that committee;
- C. The appointment of additional members to a standing committee shall be subject to the approval of a simple majority of that committee as elected by college caucus.

PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY STURGIS

I. Sturgis provides several tools for preventing hasty or ill-conceived action on main motions. The two most helpful ones are:

- A. Postpone Definitely. This motion puts off consideration, or further consideration, of a pending main motion and fixes a definite time for its consideration.
 1. Example: "I move to postpone definitely the motion until the next meeting."
 2. Main Rules: Requires a second; May involve restricted debate and amendments relating to time or wisdom of postponement; Requires a simple majority for passage.
- B. Refer to Committee
 1. Example: "I move to refer the motion to the standing committee on By-Laws, Amendments and Election."
 2. Main Rules: Requires a second; May involve restricted debate; Requires a simple majority for passage.

(Other motions of this type include Object to Consideration, which seeks to prevent discussion on a motion; Postpone Indefinitely which seeks to kill a motion; and Postpone Temporarily.)

II. Sturgis also provides ways to change main motions already voted on. For example, one may move to Rescind a main motion passed earlier at the current meeting or at any previous meeting. The motion to rescind requires a second and is debatable but not amendable. It requires a simple majority for passage.