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Vote Necessary: A majority
Sections: 5-1 through 5-8
Intent: Updates to the Senate Rules.

1 Section 5-1 Authority

2 A. These rules shall apply only to meetings of the ASMSU Senate.

3 B. The most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall serve as the authority on
   conduct and procedure in all matters pertaining to the Senate when not in conflict with the
   authorities of the Constitution or these Bylaws.

6 Section 5-2 Session

7 A. The Senate shall be in session beginning from the first meeting of the Fall semester until the last
   meeting of the Spring semester.

9 B. The first meeting of the session shall occur no later than the second full week of fall semester.

10 C. Meetings shall be held at least weekly during the instructional periods of fall and spring semester,
     not including the first full week of fall semester, the last full week of spring semester, and finals
     weeks.

13 D. Meetings of the Senate can be cancelled only by a three-fourths majority vote of the Senate and
     must be voted on at the meeting immediately preceding the cancelled one. The Senate Speaker
     may cancel a meeting only if a risk exists to life or limb, member’s well-being.

16 Section 5-3 Voting

17 A. General Voting

18 1. In all instances where a specific proportion of affirmative votes from the members of the
   Senate that are present at the meeting and voting shall be required, such proportion shall be
   calculated solely from the affirmative and negative vote counts, ignoring any abstentions
   entirely.
2. In all instances requiring a specific proportion of affirmative votes from the entire membership of the Senate, or from all members of the Senate present, abstentions necessarily must be calculated as negative votes.

3. The Senate President Speaker shall only vote in the case of a tie vote. This vote must be disclosed.

B. Ballot Voting

1. Ballot Voting shall be used for all appointments of Senate leadership, Senate vacancies, committees, councils, boards, and taskforces that require an appointment by Senate.

Section 5-4  Executive Session

A. Executive Session

1. Executive session is closed to the public.

2. Prior to convening in executive session the chair shall announce the rationale that forms the legal basis for the executive session.

3. Executive session shall only be conducted to address confidential personnel issues. Executive session shall not be called if the person being discussed wishes to have an open meeting.

4. No public record shall be kept of executive session business.

5. Executive session shall be conducted according to MCA 2-3-203.

6. MCA 2-3-203 shall supersede Section 5-4 in case of conflict with these Bylaws.

Section 5-5  Quorum

A. Quorum of the Senate shall consist of the presence of at least 50% plus 1 of the voting seats in the Senate.

B. In the absence of quorum, the Senate shall only:

1. Receive reports from Senators, program directors, and executives;

2. Conduct public comment;

3. Hear presentations; and,

4. Allow members to make announcements.
Section 5-6  Open Meeting

A. Senate meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with MCA 2-3-203.

B. Public comment regarding issues pertaining to ASMSU shall be allowed at the beginning of each meeting.

C. The amount of time allotted for public comment will be at the Senate President's discretion of the chairperson.

Section 5-7  Yielding to Public

A. Any member of the public can be yielded time by a Senator who has the floor for relevant input.

Section 5-8  Conduct

A. Each year, following taking office, the Senate will affirm a code of expectations for the upcoming year.