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SENATE BILL #2892

TITLE: Official Debate Germane Process
DATE INTRODUCED: 09/12/2023
AUTHOR: Senator Meester
SPONSORS: Senators Hennigar, Murfitt, Mahoney, McGuire, Chief of
Legislative Affairs Knopp

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner
3. possible; and,
4. WHEREAS, a precedent has been set allowing a speaker to be germaned during
5. a speech should the content of what they are saying be deemed unrelated to the
6. debate; and,
7. WHEREAS, in the current ASUW working documents there is no official
8. recognition of the ability to germane a speaker; and,
9. WHEREAS, Robert's Rules, section 12, denotes the ability to germane an
10. amendment should it be deemed not topical to legislation but does not denote the
11. ability to germane a speaker; and,
12. WHEREAS, ASUW uses Robert's Rules for all parliamentary procedure unless
13. otherwise specified in the other working documents.
14. THEREFORE, be it resolved that a clause be added to the ASUW Rules and
15. Procedures reflecting the amendment made in Addendum A; and,
16. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the following clauses in the ASUW

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17. Rules and Procedures by renumbered to account for an additional clause being
18. Added; and,
19. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this clause will thus override Robert's
20. Rules in parliamentary procedure allowing a speaker to be germaned should their
21. speech be deemed not topical to the debate; and,
22. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that these changes go into effect upon the
23. passage of this legislation.

Referred to: Programs and Institutional Development, Steering.

Date of Passage: _____ Signed: _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” _____

ASUW President

Addendum A

6. After being reported out of committee, the ASUW Vice President shall place the bill or resolution on the agenda and it shall be read a second time and recommendations of the committee(s) shall be given by the chairperson(s) of the committee(s) to whom it was assigned. The bill or resolution is now open for debate and subject to amendments. During debate, no Senator may propose any amendment that contradicts or changes the intent of the original legislation. Intent of legislation shall be derived from the title. The title may not be amended after the legislation is submitted.
7. During debate, a senator may be germaned should the contents of their speech be deemed beyond reasonable topicality. The enforcement of this process will be based on the enforcement of the Pastore Rule, "If a Senator calls another Senator to order under the rule, enforcement first results in a reminder from the presiding officer that debate must be germane to the question then pending before the Senate. A Senator does not need to be recognized by the chair in order to call another Senator to order under the rule. The raising of this point of order does not remove speaking privileges from the offending Senator, although the Senator must either pivot to a germane topic or suspend his or her remarks until the chair rules on the call to order. Depending on the ruling of the presiding officer on such a point of order, a Senator may either continue speaking (if his or her debate is ruled germane), pivot to a germane topic (if ruled not germane), or yield the floor (if ruled not germane), or appeal the ruling (if ruled not germane). Should the Senator choose to appeal, the appeal will be decided on a simple majority of the Senate and the results will proceed as previously stated."
8. ~~7.~~ At the end of debate, the bill shall be read a third time by the ASUW Marshal and shall be voted upon at the end of this reading. No debate or amendment shall be permitted after the chairperson has put forth the question to the voting membership. The final vote on all ASUW bills and resolutions shall be a roll call vote. The passage of a motion for unanimous consent on the final vote for any ASUW bill or resolution shall qualify as a roll call vote under this section and shall be recorded by the ASUW Marshal as a roll call vote with all senators present at the meeting voting "aye."