

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1228

TITLE: Expediency of Democracy (EOD) Act - Rules & Procedures Revision

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SPONSORS:

RULE IX PUBLIC COMMENT

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2018-101, 2018-115, 2018-125, 2019-1104, 2020-1064, 2021-1003, 2021-1051, 2023-153, 2023-189)

- 1. Rights to Comment:**
 - a. Each member of the Student Body may speak in public comment.
 - b. Students may sign-up for public comment by submitting an electronic request that specifies the matter on which the student wishes to speak to the Senate President and Senate Secretary by 5:00 PM ET the day of the meeting of the Senate.
 - c. Students must be present in the Senate chambers to receive public comment time.

- 2. Procedure:**
 - a. Public comment must be held before any pending legislation or nominations are heard.
 - b. Each student signed up for public comment must have five minutes to speak.
 - c. Students may only yield their speaking time to the Chair of the Senate.
 - d. If a student does not exhaust their speaking time, it will automatically be yielded to the Chair of the Senate.
 - e. The Senate is prohibited from extending or limiting the speaking time of any speaker.
 - f. Students may reserve their speaking time once during public comment, causing their name to be passed on the list.
 - g. Speakers must direct all comments to the Chair of the Senate. Any speaker that directs a comment at an individual other than the Chair of the Senate will be issued a warning for disruptive conduct. A speaker will automatically yield their time to the chair if they receive more than two warnings.
 - h. Speakers may project a presentation or other digital media during public comment. All materials projected must be submitted to the Senate President and Senate Secretary along with the electronic request to speak by 5:00 PM ET the day of the meeting of the Senate.

- 3. Goodbye Speeches:**
 - a. During the last meeting of the Fall and Spring term before the validation of Senate election results, the Replacement & Agenda Committee will add a

period following public comment for goodbye speeches for Senators not returning to the Senate.

- b. Senators who resign from the Senate will have the opportunity to deliver a goodbye speech no later than the proceeding Senate meeting.
- c. A Senator who is giving a goodbye speech will be allowed ~~the time necessary to adequately~~ no more than 15 minutes to deliver their speech.
- d. A Senator must notify the Senate President and Senate Secretary in writing by 5:00 PM ET the day of the meeting of the Senate to give a goodbye speech.