

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1291**

**TITLE: Public Comment Submission Timeline Correction Act**

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**RULE IX  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2018-101, 2018-115, 2018-125, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021-130, 2023-153, 2023-189, 2024-146)

**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 EST or the scheduled start of the Senate if the meeting is scheduled before 5:00 PM EST, on 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. If a student is not present in the chamber when their name is called, the name of the student will be automatically reserved once.
- h. 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.

- i. 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 EST or the scheduled start of the Senate if the meeting is scheduled before 5:00 PM EST, on 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 deliver their speech.
- d. A Senator must notify the Senate President and Senate Secretary in writing by 5:00 PM EST or the scheduled start of the Senate if the meeting is scheduled before 5:00 PM EST, on the day of the meeting of the Senate to give a goodbye speech.

  
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Monish Vijayaraghavan  
Senate President

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