

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF08
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SENATE BILL No. GF08-28

As Introduced

An act of procedure amending the Graduate Student Senate Standing Rules of Order concerning legislation considered in standing committees; providing for a discharge procedure; and providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS The University of Oklahoma Student Association Graduate Student Senate Standing Rules of Order does not provide for a timeline for committees to consider Legislation.

WHEREAS It is necessary to set a time limit to the deliberations of a committee on any particular piece of legislation.

THUS BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as “An act of procedure amending the Graduate Student Senate Standing Rules of Order concerning legislation considered in standing committees; providing for a discharge procedure; and providing for an effective date.”

SECTION 2. Deleted words or phrases are shown by ~~striketrough~~ and added words or phrases are shown by *italics*.

SECTION 3. Rule 5, section 3, concerning Legislation of the Graduate Student Senate Standing Rules of Order, shall be amended to show the following:

D. Any senator may present a discharge petition to bring Legislation out of committee for consideration by the Senate. ~~Any senator may request Legislation be brought out of committee for consideration by the Senate with a majority vote of the Senate.~~

a. A discharge petition shall be in order in the following cases:

i. A discharge petition may not be presented at any time prior to the second (2nd) regularly scheduled general Senate meeting which occurs after assignation of the legislation to a committee.

ii. A discharge petition may be presented during the second (2nd) regularly scheduled general Senate meeting which

*occurs after assignation of the legislation to a committee.
In such cases, a majority vote is needed to pass the petition.*

iii) A discharge petition maybe presented during or after the third (3rd) regularly scheduled general senate meeting. In such cases a motion supported by a second senator is needed to pass the petition.

b. A successful discharge petition shall place legislation under New Business in the agenda of the following general meeting for consideration by the Senate without recommendation. The discharged legislation shall appear in the meeting in the same version as it was submitted to committee.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon passage in accordance with the University of Oklahoma Student Association Graduate Student Senate bylaws.

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Action taken by Senate: Passed by Majority Vote (For 32, against 5, abstentions, 7)

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____