

CSU Model United Nations Parliamentary Procedure

“Parliamentary procedure” is a set of rules intended to guide debates towards ordered, inclusive, and respectful compromise. For CSU Model UN, our intention is to utilize only a handful of motions that are used in the official United Nations. There are multiple reasons for this:

1. CSUMUN is intended to be an introduction for Model UN
2. The reduced rules are more inviting for new schools to get involved in CSUMUN
3. The reduced rules allow the delegates to focus more on the issues of the topics and working with one another, rather than spending unnecessary time debating the rules.

Beginning the Debate

- At the beginning of the session, the chair shall simply call the session to open and open debate.
- A delegate should then “move to set the agenda”, and a second delegate should “second the motion”. This debate is over which topic should be debated first. For each of the four topics, the chair will call on two delegates to argue why the topic should be debated first.
- After these eight arguments have been made, the chair will move for a vote on the agenda. The topic that receives the most votes will be debated first, the motion that receives the second most votes will be debated second. There can be another debate to set the agenda regarding the remaining two topics after the conclusion of the first two topics.

During a Debate

What is it	What do you say	What does it mean	Does it need a second	Is it debatable	What vote is needed to pass
Correction	“Point of information...”	There’s something we should all know about.	No	No	No Vote
Complaint	“I raise a point of personal privilege.”	We need to resolve the following problem.	No	No	No Vote
Confusion	“Point of clarification...”	I’m confused...explain this situation more clearly.	No	No	No Vote
Order	“I raise a point of order.”	Calling someone / committee out for not following the rules	No	No	No Vote
Dilatory	Chair: “I rule that motion dilatory”	Chair believes motions are unnecessarily delaying the process	No	No	Chair's Decision

What is it	What do you say	What does it mean	Does it need a second	Is it debatable	What vote is needed to pass
Moderated Caucus	"I move for a moderated caucus of _____ minutes"	Discussion, one-by-one at the microphone for _____ minutes	Yes	No	50% + 1 (majority)
Unmoderated caucus	"I move for an unmoderated caucus of _____ minutes"	Discussion in text-sm groups for _____ minutes	Yes	No	50% + 1 (majority)

Ending a Debate

What is it	What do you say	What does it mean	Does it need a second	Is it debatable	What vote is needed to pass
Close Debate	"I move the question..."	I think that we should vote.	Yes	No	67%
Unanimously Close Debate	"I call the question..."	Let's vote – we've all had enough discussion	No	No	100% Consensus
Roll Call Vote	"I move for a roll call vote"	Each delegation will be called on one-by-one and vote by voice	Yes	No	A motion and a second
Table	"I move to table this motion until..."	We need more time to think about this.	Yes	No	50% + 1 (majority)
Remove from the Table	"I move to take up from the table..."	Let's talk about this again.	Yes	No	50% + 1 (majority)