

UNIVERSITY SENATE  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Governance Council  
Date: August, 2011

**Amendment RE: Ending time of Senate Meetings**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

- That the proposed clarifying amendment of the University *Senate Charter*, as highlighted in boldface below, be adopted.
- That this amendment go into effect immediately.

Current Charter:

VI.2.4. **If a Senate meeting is still in session at 5 p.m.**, the Chair shall call for an appropriate motion, typically one of the following: to adjourn (implies no topic on the floor); to postpone the current topic until the next regular meeting, to be followed by a motion to adjourn; to recess until (for example, the following Monday at 3:30 p.m.); to continue discussion until (specific time); to move the previous question, to be followed by a motion to adjourn, recess, or continue business until (specific time).

Proposed revision:

VI.2.4. **If a Senate meeting is still in session at the end of its designated meeting time**, the Chair shall call for an appropriate motion, typically one of the following: to adjourn (implies no topic on the floor); to postpone the current topic until the next regular meeting, to be followed by a motion to adjourn; to recess until (for example, the following Monday at 3:30 p.m.); to continue discussion until (specific time); to move the previous question, to be followed by a motion to adjourn, recess, or continue business until (specific time).

Rationale:

Senate meetings in 2011-12 have been scheduled for Mondays 2:45 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. The revised text above introduces flexibility for this and future years.