

317<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly,

Senate Bill 317-045

A Bill

To promote the brevity of meetings

**The Meeting Brevity Act**

An Act of the 317<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Jim Dunleavy (?10)

WHEREAS, the extensive discussion at Senate meetings can seem to the student body as an extensive waste of time; and

WHEREAS, it will better serve the student body to maintain brevity in Senate meetings;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary-

1. Amends Section 2, Chapter 1 of the Code of the Student Assembly to read as follows:

**“§2.1-1. Meetings of the Senate**

1. The meetings of the Senate shall be held in accordance with the timeline set forth by Article I; Section II; Clause IV of the Constitution of the Student Assembly.
2. The meetings shall open with a report of the status of each committee by its Chair. The subsequent agenda shall be specified by the Chair of the Senate.
3. At the beginning and end of each meeting, there shall be a time reserved for concerns of members of the College. This time may also be used for observers to comment on the proceedings.
4. The meetings of the Senate shall be conducted in parliamentary style according to Robert’s Rules of Order, except as otherwise specified by the Code or Constitution of the Student Assembly.
5. The Senate may allow, by a majority vote, any member of the College community to remain within the Senate during Closed Session.
6. **Each senator shall be limited to a maximum speaking time of two minutes each time they hold the floor on any item of business.”**