

Special Rules of Order Adopted by the Faculty Assembly of Virginia Wesleyan College

Time of Meeting

Regular meetings of the Faculty Assembly shall be called to order at 1:45 and shall adjourn at 3:30. The President of the College or his/her designate may alter the time a meeting of the Faculty Assembly is called to order so as to conform with the academic calendar and other contingencies. The published length of a special meeting may not exceed that of a regular meeting.

Reports of Commissions, Committees, and Officers of the College

Regular reports by commissions are not required. Commissions may ask the Agenda Committee for time to give a report. Otherwise, reports of commissions shall be appended to the agenda for the meeting.

Reports of the officers of the College and the commissions shall generally not exceed five minutes. If a report may exceed that limit, the person giving the report may request, in advance, that additional time be allotted by the Agenda Committee.

Questions about a Motion

After the motion has received a second, the presiding officer shall open the floor for questions about a debatable motion. These questions shall be limited to the fundamentals (the who, what, where, when, why, or how) of the motion. No commentary or opinion shall be heard during this period.

Method of Elections

To eliminate the need for run-off elections, the “instant run-off” shall be used. When more than two candidates are on the ballot for a position, those voting shall indicate their preference by ranking the candidates. The most preferred candidate is given a “1,” the next preferred a “2,” and so on. The 1's shall be counted first. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated, and the candidates with the 2's from those ballots shall be counted and added to the totals of the remaining candidates. This process shall be continued until a candidate is found to have a majority of votes.

The above special rules of order were adopted with the Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly on December 7, 2007.