

Proposed Rules of Proceedings of the Karnea

General rules

1. Where not otherwise accounted for in the Fraternity's Constitution & Bylaws and these rules, Robert's Rules of Order will govern the proceedings of the Karnea.
2. For purposes of transacting business at Karnea, quorum shall be a majority of the eligible delegates who have been registered by the Credentials Committee as being in attendance.

Order of Business

1. The Karnea shall proceed according to the following Order of Business:
 - a. Call to order
 - b. Report of the Credentials Committee
 - c. Report of the Honor Committee
 - d. Ritual Legislation
 - e. Report of the Organizational Development Committee
 - f. Constitution and Bylaws Legislation
 - g. Report of the Nominations Committee
 - h. Election of Arch Chapter Officers
 - i. Adjournment

Rules regarding legislation

1. Any matter to be brought before the Karnea for action shall be submitted in writing to the Karnea secretary prior to the start of the session or in reports filed by Fraternity committees.
2. Proposed amendments should be brought to the appropriate committee chairman for consideration prior to the filing of their report to the Karnea. Amendments not considered previously by the committee may be considered by a 2/3 vote of all qualified delegates.
3. In accordance with the Fraternity's Constitution & Bylaws, legislation proposed for the first time at this meeting and not received by the Fraternity's secretary by April 1 requires a 2/3 vote of all qualified delegates to be considered by the body.

Rules regarding debate

1. A qualified person may address the Karnea by obtaining recognition from the presiding officer. Upon being recognized by the Karnea chair, a speaker shall first state his name, his chapter, and his school.
2. Unless otherwise determined by a 2/3 vote of the Karnea, the presiding officer shall recognize a speaker not more than twice in debate on any one motion, and each speaker shall be limited to a total of three (3) minutes in duration on a particular motion.
3. On any given question, the Karnea chairman will determine the most appropriate limits for debate from these options: the 5-minute rule or the 15-minute rule.
4. Questions debated under the 5-minute rule shall be conducted as follows:
 - a. The sponsor may introduce the item for a time not to exceed three minutes.

- b. Debate will alternate between those speaking “for” and “against” the question, as appropriate. The presiding officer shall provide appropriate direction to delegates who wish to speak “for” or “against” the question to be heard.
 - c. Members wishing to speak may be recognized by the presiding officer for a period not to exceed 90 seconds at a time. Individual members shall not speak on a question a second time until others seeking recognition and arguing for the same side as him have spoken.
 - d. After 5 minutes of debate has elapsed and any member currently speaking has been permitted to finish speaking for his allotted time, the question shall be considered called and a vote shall be conducted.
 - e. Amendments shall be in order and shall be debated according to the terms of the 5-minute rule.
 - f. Any of these provisions may be suspended at the discretion of the chair or by a 2/3 vote.
5. Questions debated under the 15-minute rule shall be conducted as follows:
 - a. The sponsor may introduce the item for a time not to exceed three minutes.
 - b. Debate will alternate between those speaking “for” and “against” the question, as appropriate. The presiding officer shall provide appropriate direction to delegates who wish to speak “for” or “against” the question to be heard.
 - c. Members wishing to speak may be recognized by the presiding officer for a period not to exceed 2 minutes at a time. Individual members shall not speak on a question a second time until others seeking recognition and arguing for the same side as him have spoken.
 - d. After 15 minutes of debate has elapsed and any member currently speaking has been permitted to finish speaking for his allotted time, the question shall be considered called and a vote shall be conducted.
 - e. Amendments shall be in order and shall be debated according to the terms of the 5-minute rule. Debate regarding an amendment shall not be counted against the time allotted to the original question.
 - f. Any of these provisions may be suspended at the discretion of the chair or by a 2/3 vote.
6. The Karnea may opt for different limits on debate if approved by a 2/3 vote.

Rules regarding voting

1. On any given question, the presiding officer shall determine the most appropriate means of voting. Typically, the presiding officer will elect to use voice vote first, followed by a raising of hands or a roll call vote if greater certainty is needed, which may be conducted by electronic means.
2. Voting delegates are those certified by the Credentials Committee in accordance with the Fraternity’s Constitution & Bylaws.
3. Persons authorized to vote on a particular question should be prepared to follow the instructions provided and display their credentials, if necessary.

4. Persons not authorized to vote should remain silent while voting occurs and while votes are tabulated.

Rules regarding recommendations and election of the student Director of the Board

1. Candidates for student Director of the Board were solicited prior to Karnea.
2. Only those men interviewed by the Board Development Committee are eligible to be nominated for the position of student Director of the Board.
3. During the election session, the Nominations Committee will place one man in nomination for the position of student Director.
4. The floor will then be open for additional nominations of eligible students (those who were interviewed by the committee in May)
5. In the event of multiple nominees who have accepted their nominations, the election will be conducted under the "Rules regarding competitive elections" found later in these rules.

Rules regarding recommendations and elections for the positions of Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Board of Directors

1. Candidates for new Officers of the Board were solicited prior to Karnea.
2. Only those men interviewed by the Board Development committee are eligible to be nominated for the position of Treasurer and Vice Chairman of the Board.
3. During the election session, the Nominations Committee will place one man in nomination for each of the positions of Treasurer and Vice Chairman.
4. The election will be conducted consistent with Roberts Rules of Order and these rules.

Rules regarding competitive elections

1. When elections for a given role are about to begin, all nominees for this role shall depart the assembly for a waiting area designated by the Chair.
2. Nominees will be called into the assembly in order of their nomination, so that they may speak to the body and answer questions. After their time has elapsed, they are to return to the designated waiting area until the election is concluded.
3. A total of ten minutes shall be divided equally between the nominees for each office (i.e., if there are two nominees, each will receive a total of 5 minutes to speak and/or address questions).
4. When all nominees for a given role have spoken and departed the assembly, debate will begin.
5. Debate on nominees will be conducted as follows:
 - a. Debate will occur in three minute increments per nominee, for a maximum of three rounds.
 - b. Nominees will be debated in the order in which they were nominated.
For example: if there were two nominees for a given role, members wishing to speak "for" the candidate who was nominated first would speak for a total of three minutes, followed by members who wished to speak "for" the candidate who was nominated second. The cycle would then repeat for a second round.

In this example, each round would consist of six minutes (a total of three minutes per nominee).

- c. Additional rounds of debate, or rules for debate, may be approved by a 2/3 vote.
6. When debate has concluded, voting shall be conducted.
 - a. Roles shall be voted on in the order designated by the Chairman.
 - b. For each role, nominees will be voted on in the order in which they were nominated until a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast.
7. After voting has concluded and the results have been tabulated, nominees shall be invited back to the assembly to hear the results.

Resolutions Advanced by the Arch Chapter

1. Resolutions advanced by the Arch Chapter shall have privileged consideration before the Karnea.