

Motion

Motion
"I move to..."

"Second"

The main motion is now up for **debate**. You may...

"Point of...
order.
information.
privilege."

Extend time "I move to extend alloted time by..."	Postpone "I move to postpone this item until..."
Amend "I move to amend the motion by..."	End debate "I move to call the previous question."

"Second"

Amendment is up for **debate**.

Vote to **end debate**
on amendment
"I move to call the previous question."
("Second")

Vote to end debate passes.	Vote to end debate does not pass. <i>Return to debate.</i>
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Vote on
amendment.

Auxiliary Motion

The original motion is up for debate until an **auxiliary motion** is made to...

Postpone "I move to postpone this item."	Table "I move to table the motion."	End debate "I move to call the previous question."
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"Second"

Vote to **end debate** on the main motion.

Vote to end debate passes.	Vote to end debate does not pass. <i>Return to debate.</i>
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Vote!

Main motion passes.	Main motion does not pass.
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Debate

Vote

The General Assembly of the Graduate and Professional Student Council conducts meetings using general Robert's Rules of Order, as far as it aides and does not obstruct regular proceedings.

Motion: An item presented to the General Assembly for a vote. Motions must be **seconded** by another voting representative or the motion is not upheld ("dies"). Motions can be posed as any defineable course of action.

Which motions are "debatable"?

Every main motion presented to the assembly is debatable, though *in practice*, we proceed directly to a vote for some special motions (i.e. motion to adjourn).

Most "auxiliary" motions (a.k.a. subsidiary motions) are also debatable. Auxiliary motions act upon the main motion. Two auxiliary motions that do not require debate are the motion to table a question and the motion to end debate.

When in doubt, follow the lead of the Presiding Officer.

What action is taken for a debatable motion?

Debate opens and does not close until the question is tabled or the question is called.

When you end debate by calling the question, the assembly votes to conduct a final vote ("votes to vote"). While this may seem cumbersome, we do this to allow minority opinions ample opportunity to be heard.

This process proceeds smoothly when regularly practiced!

Types of Motions

- Amend:** You wish to modify the content of a piece of legislature or debatable motion.
debatable
- Extend time:** You wish to increase the time allotted to a specific agenda item.
debatable
- Postpone:** You wish to end the debate and the vote for the current item until another specified time (or indefinitely).
debatable
- Table:** You wish to put the current item "on the table" away from proceedings. During unspecified agenda time, the item can be called from "the table" by any representative and re-opened for debate.
not debatable
- Reconsider:** You wish to re-open a previously voted upon question for debate and vote.
debatable
- Limit/Extend debate:** You wish to place some mandate on debate such as permitting two speaker presentations before moving to call the question.
debatable
- End debate:** (a.k.a. "call the question") You wish to end debate and move to a vote on the current motion.
not debatable

You can interrupt at any time

- Point of Order: You question that proper procedure is being followed.
- Point of Information: You want to gain or provide information.
- Point of Privilege: You are making an urgent motion to address a potential violation of the rights of a representative or the assembly.