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Motion:

On behalf of the Senate Restructuring Task Force, Mr. Skewis (LIB) moved that the Senate approve the following statement as a guiding principle for the development of proposed changes to the Senate Bylaws and GSU Statutes: A Moderator of the Faculty Senate shall be elected from the current membership of the Faculty Senate during the last meeting of the Spring Semester and will assume his or her duties at the first Fall Semester meeting. Meetings will follow *Robert's Rules of Order*. The Moderator shall also serve as Chair of the Senate Executive Committee but shall have no vote except in the case of a tie.

The Moderator must be completing his or her first or second year of a three year term at the time of election, shall serve a one year term, and may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

The motion was seconded.

Rationale:

Mr. Skewis (LIB) explained the rationale for the Principle and invited discussion on it. There was discussion about the configuration of the Senate Executive Committee per this Principle. It was pointed out that a chair elected from the Senate as a whole could skew the representation on the Senate Executive Committee toward a particular college.

Dr. Clara Krug (CLASS) suggested that senators consider the example of the U.S. Senate, where the Vice President casts the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

Dr. Jake Simons (COBA) supported the intent of the proposal but suggested that the Task Force simply make the duty of moderating the meetings one of the duties of the

Senate Executive Committee Chair. He suggested that this approach accomplishes the same intent without creating the need for another position.

Dean Carl Gooding (COBA) endorsed Simons' suggestion.

The motion was approved with the understanding that the selection of the position of Senate Moderator would be further considered by the Task Force.