

**A RESOLUTION
ADOPTING A SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER ALLOWING THE INPUT OF A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ON CERTAIN
AGENDA ITEMS**

WHEREAS, the Congressional Advisory Board is a first of its kind proposal designed to offer a diverse coalition of student leaders the ability to make their voices heard in their student government;

WHEREAS, USAC recognizes that gaining insight into the opinions of the multifarious communities and advocacy organizations represented on the Congressional Advisory Board provides the council an opportunity to gain perspective on the issues important to those groups, and create more robust, representative policies;

WHEREAS, the system of public comment, often used by leaders in these communities to provide input on USAC-related issues, insufficiently conveys the depth and breadth of opinion held by leaders in these communities; and

WHEREAS, providing for a greater level of input from leaders in the communities represented on the Board will thus allow Council to make better-informed policy decisions and gain greater insight into the issues faced by the traditionally mis and underrepresented communities represented on the Board; *Therefore, let it be:*

RESOLVED, That the Undergraduate Students Association Council adopt the following Special Rule of Order:

Section A: Invitation of a Representative from the Congressional Advisory Board

1. The President may, upon the written request of the Chair of the Congressional Advisory Board (“the Board”), invite a representative of the Board to provide input on certain agenda items, provided that:
 - a. The Board has passed a resolution concerning:
 - i. The adoption of that specific agenda item; or
 - ii. An issue, or set of issues, substantially related to those that the agenda item concerns; and
 - b. The request complies with any other restrictions or criteria imposed by USAC.
2. Additionally, any Council Officer may invite a representative of the Board to provide input on any agenda item, so long as written notice is provided to the USAC President and the Chair of the Board in advance of the meeting at which the representative has been invited to speak.

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Section B: USAC may, by resolution, provide additional requirements for the form and content of the Board or Council Officer's request, the types of agenda items for which a request may be submitted, and the extent of the input allowed to a representative of the board on any given class of agenda items.

Section C: Following the submission of a request by the Chair of the Board, the President shall provide a written response detailing which requests have been approved, which have been denied, and the rationale for any denials.

Section D: The application of this Rule to requests of the Board, including a determination that a resolution of the Board is sufficiently related to the issues covered in a given agenda item, shall be the prerogative of the President; except that, should a request be denied by the President, the Council may suspend the rules to allow a representative to speak regardless.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Special Rule come into effect upon the passage of this Resolution, and expire upon the installation of the officers of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Students Association Council, or upon the adoption of similar guidelines in a superseding document (e.g. the Constitution or Bylaws); and

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED, That, the provisions of any other section of this Resolution notwithstanding, the Council may, by resolution, extend the effective term of this document to such a date as the Council may deem appropriate.