Bill to Amend Rules of Order
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Action Requested: ⅔ majority approval of Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council

WHEREAS, The Joint-By-Laws, Article 1, Section 7.B state that Association policies affecting the US and GSC may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a ⅔ of the US and GSC;

WHEREAS, The Joint Rules of Order 2.7 mention an order as the following:
1. “An order consists of zero or more inducement paragraphs as follows: “Whereas…;”, followed by one or more enactment paragraphs as follows: “Be it ordered by the Legislative Bodies of the Association that…;”, except that the last enactment paragraph, which ends with a period (.). Inducement paragraphs may be connected by the word “and”, the last inducement paragraph and the first enactment paragraph may be connected by the word “therefore”, and enactment paragraphs may be connected by the word “and”.

WHEREAS, The Joint Rules of Order 2 is called “Rule of Order 2: Definition and Form of Motions, Bills, Resolutions, and Orders”;

WHEREAS, There is no further definition of what an order is and the Rule of Order providing definitions should provide a definition;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution states that “The legislative bodies of the Association shall have the power to create, modify, and abolish agencies of the Association including, but not limited to, projects providing services to members of the Association. The functions, structure, officers, and finances of all such agencies may be specified jointly by the Undergraduate Senate and the Graduate Student Council for those agencies whose purpose involves members of both the undergraduate and graduate populations. Otherwise, the above structures may be specified only by the legislative body for the relevant population”;

WHEREAS, This aforementioned clause provides sufficient and adequate constitutional justification for the Legislative Bodies to have control over all agencies of the ASSU.
Consequently, the Legislative Bodies have the right to compel subsidiaries, bodies, and agencies of the ASSU to change or influence their functioning.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

THAT, The Joint Rule of Orders be modified with the addition of the following: as Joint Rule of Order #8:

“An order will be used to compel a body, organization, or subsidiary of the ASSU to make changes to how it functions as long as there are reasonable and constitutional grounds to do so.”