

YUNMUN Procedure Guide for Technology Committees

This guide will assume that the reader is familiar with terminology commonly used in traditional committees, and will use those terms without explanation. For explanation of unfamiliar terms, please reference the Delegate Handbook.

What's the Same?

The procedure of a technology committee is very similar to the procedure of a traditional committee. Just like in a traditional committee, all technology committee sessions begin with the establishment of a quorum and roll call. Setting the agenda is the same as a traditional committee for those technology committees with two topics. Technology committees with one topic will set the agenda by narrowing the scope of the topic and choosing a specific subtopic to be discussed. During the formal debate, delegates will have time to make speeches. During a speech, only Points of Personal Privilege, Points of Order or Points of Parliamentary Inquiry may interrupt a speaker. Closure of debate, presentation of resolutions, and voting on resolutions is the same in a technology committee as well.

What's new?

1. Electronic Presentations

Every delegate will prepare two slides per topic to present before the committee. These presentations will take place after the agenda has been set to a specific topic or subtopic. A motion to begin the electronic presentations (with a second) is necessary to begin. Delegates will present in a random order predetermined by the chair. There is no speaker's list at this time. Following the last presentation, a delegate must motion to conclude presentations (with a second). After delegates have voted to conclude these presentations a speaker's list may be opened.

2. Working Papers and Resolutions

Working papers and resolutions must be typed, edited, and collaborated upon electronically using Google Docs. A Google Drive will be created for each technology committee and will be shared with the delegates by the beginning of the first session. (A reminder that all delegates should come with laptops and a familiarity with Google Drive and Google Docs.) Working papers and resolutions should be in separate documents (even if that means copying and pasting) so the development of the paper can be seen. The chair, assistant chair, and administrative assistant will be monitoring and assessing both the content of the working papers and

resolutions, as well as the edit history to ensure that the power of the pen has been distributed to all. Please notify the administrative assistant when you would like to have your working paper or resolution printed and distributed to the committee. All motions relating to working papers and resolutions remain the same as those in traditional committees.

3. Caucus

Caucuses in a technology committee allow delegates to access laptops to type working papers and resolutions, and access the internet for research. All delegates are encouraged to use this time wisely, as laptop use is allowed during caucus and breaks only. Laptop use will not be permitted while the committee is in session and delegates are speaking. As in traditional committees, a motion to caucus is necessary to begin a caucus.

For any other questions about the procedure of a technology committee please feel free to reach out to the Office of Admissions, your chair, or myself at mhschick@mail.yu.edu.

Best,

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