

**Some Basic Parliamentary Procedures  
for the Faculty Council Meeting of  
October 12, 2018**

**Voting:**

Only the elected and ex officio members of Faculty Council may vote on motions. (Ex officio members include members of the Faculty Executive Committee and the Faculty Assembly Delegation.)

**Main Motion:**

The main motion is the resolution under active consideration. Each main motion must be considered separately, only one at a time. If a main motion is amended, then the amended language replaces the main motion.

**Selected Incidental and Subsidiary Motions (in Order of Precedence):**

1. *Withdraw a Motion* – This action removes another motion from further consideration (not debatable, requires a majority vote).
2. *Lay on the Table* – This action sets aside the pending question temporarily when a more urgent matter has arisen (not debatable, requires a majority vote). This motion should *not* be used to kill a measure, but only to delay action on it. At the appropriate later time, the body must vote to take up the interrupted question again.
3. *[Call] The Previous Question* – This action ends debate and brings the main motion to a vote (not debatable, requires 2/3 vote).
4. *Postpone to a Definite Time* – This action delays further consideration of a main motion until a specified later time (requires a majority vote).
5. *Amend the Amendment* – This action changes the language of an amendment under active consideration (requires a majority vote). Only one such motion can be in play at any time.
6. *Amendment* – This action changes the language of the main motion (requires a majority vote).
7. *Postpone Indefinitely* – This action delays further consideration of a main motion indefinitely (requires a majority vote). It is typically used to withdraw a motion permanently. It differs from a motion to withdraw (#1 above) in that debate is allowed. In other words, the merits of the main motion can be discussed before the vote.