

Parliamentary Authority Effective March 2005

At its November 10, 2004 meeting, the Academic Assembly unanimously adopted the “Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure”, for all rules of order except that of *division of a Question* in matters that are not covered by Senate legislation. For the *division of a Question*, the Assembly approved that Robert’s Rules of Order should apply. It reads

“Division of a Question: “When a motion relating to a single subject contains several parts, each of which is capable of standing as a complete proposition if the others are removed, the parts can be separated to be considered and voted on as if they were distinct questions--by adoption of the motion for *Division of a Question* (or “to divide the question”).

The eight characteristics below apply only to the incidental *motion* for *Division of a Question*.

- Takes precedence over the main motion and over the subsidiary motion to *Postpone Indefinitely*. If applied to an amendment, it also takes precedence over that amendment...
- Can be applied to main motions and their amendments, if they are susceptible to division...
- Is out of order when another has the floor
- Must be seconded
- Is not debatable
- Is amendable
- Requires a majority vote