

## Zoom Feature Amendment

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  - i. If a teleconferencing option is voted on in the affirmative, the following provisions shall be followed:
    - 1. Senators shall treat the meeting as though it is in-person; Being alert and engaging in topics mentioned.
    - 2. Senators are obliged to keep cameras on for the duration of the meeting and must be present throughout voting when asked to respond affirmatively or negatively to the motion being discussed.
    - 3. Make their best effort to contribute to the conversation, even when they are not able to meet in-person.
    - 4. If you don't participate during the votes throughout the meeting, then it will count as a half (½) absence.

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***RATIONALE***

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This amendment to the teleconferencing portion of the bylaws is to make sure that while a senator is not able to meet in person, they should still make the best attempt to be virtually present. Otherwise, they should make the secretary aware of the absence, and have it determined as excused or not. This function of zoom is nice for those who have special circumstances and are not able to be physically present. This option does provide the special circumstance option for those that require it.