A BILL TO UPDATE THE DEBATE FORMAT FOR LEGISLATION PRESENTED TO THE STUDENT SENATE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

**Short Title:** The Legislation Debate Reformating Act  
**Primary Sponsor:** Tim Wallis; ColEng  
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**First Reading:**  
**Referred To:**  
**Passage:**  
**Enacted:**

Whereas, The current debate format for legislation is inadequate to satisfy the nuance of debate;  

Whereas, Debate points get lost in the string of only positive/negative debate;  

Whereas, Point-counterpoint is a more effective way of voicing opinions and retorting to them;  

Whereas, It is overly restricting to limit Senators to speak only twice within a debate;  

Whereas, An open debate format would lead to a more robust debate.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte:

**SECTION I:** The Senate By-Laws to read:

§3-1.30. **Rounds of Debate.**

All periods of debate shall be evenly divided between alternating rounds of positive and negative debate, beginning with those Senators rising in the affirmative. No Senator shall be entitled to speak in debate more than twice on any one question.

Senators may use this time period to voice and debate their respective points of view on a piece of legislation presented to the Senate. The Presiding Officer shall call on Senators to speak in the order in which they request the floor. Once the Presiding Officer has deemed debate to be settled, he/she may call an end to debate.

**Mandates:**  
Dr. Arthur R. Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
Christine Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Karen Shaffer, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director Student Activities  
Niner Times  
NinerOnline
I hereby certify that this legislation was considered and adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body and the By-Laws of the Student Senate on this _____ day of ____________________, ______.

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Jason Hartsoe
President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate

I hereby signify my approval of this legislation as adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, this _____ day of ____________________, ______.

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Brady Nails
President of the Student Body