

Motion template:

Title:	
Mover:	
Secunder:	
Goal:	
Whereas:	
Whereas:	
BIRT:	
BIRT:	
Result:	
Discussion:	

Example Motion (fake motion):

Title:	Orange is the New Black
Mover:	Nicole Barber
Secunder:	Dylan Edgar
Goal:	To change the colors of the official RESS logos to orange and pink
Whereas:	The official logos of the RESS are found on the RESS website at www.uofengineering.com
Whereas:	The RESS logos are currently black and red
Whereas:	The RESS has four versions of the logo
BIRT:	The color black be replaced by orange in all logos
BIRT:	The color red be replaced by pink in all logos
Result:	
Discussion:	

Note: Whereas and BIRT lines can be added to or removed from the motion template as needed.

Motion Writing 101

- Please use the motion template above.
- Motions are your way to accomplish goals with the RESS.
- Motions should clearly state the goal, background information, and where applicable any steps you propose for this motion to occur
 - o Motions are not supposed to include any reasoning (that is what you motivate the motion for)
- The title can be creative and fun

- Put yourself as the mover
 - o You can either find a seconder, or the chair will get one at the meeting
 - o Needs a seconder for the motion to be discussed
- Goal is a brief statement explaining what you wish the outcome of the motion to be:
 - o I.E. To have RESS's official colour be tortoise pink
 - o Not to include other information, I.E. "To make RESS pink because red is bad"
- Whereas statements are background information you wish to provide to the readers of the motion
 - o Need to be facts, not opinions
 - o I.E. Whereas there are 5 engineering disciplines
 - o Not: Whereas red is the best colour
- BIRT should be concise, and they state the specifics of what you want to be implemented if the motion passes
 - o This is the way you will achieve the goal
 - o This is the "meat" of the motion, what you actually want to happen

What to expect at the General Meeting:

- Motion is read
- Motion requires a seconder if not submitted with one
- Mover motivates
- Secunder motivates
- Speakers list opened for and against
 - o Ask for all speakers
 - o One turn each

- o Up to 2 questions for each speaker, with response
 - o Alternate for, against, for, against
 - o Can add yourself to the list afterwards with a note to the chair
 - o No motions during the speakers list
- General discussion
 - o Anyone can have speaking turn
 - o Must have recognized speaking turn to make a motion
- Motions to amend, to table, to split the question, to call to question can be made