The Senate discharges its powers and duties through standing and ad hoc committees. The recurring business of these committees is brought to the Senate as a seconded motion (e.g., ASCRC curriculum consent agenda) for a vote. Seconded motions have been thoroughly debated and approved by a standing committee of the Senate.

Committees are empowered to create operational procedures and guidelines to conduct their business efficiently. Procedures for which the outcome requires a senate vote must be approved by the Senate.

Committee Chairs may consult with ECOS to determine whether an item requires senate approval. In some cases, it is appropriate for the senate to be informed about an issue that does not require a vote.

Changes to current policy or items that may be contentious are introduced at one meeting and voted on at a subsequent meeting.

On occasion, the administration will request the Senate's endorsement. This requires a motion from the floor.

The following is a list of recurring business items that require Senate approval.

- Academic Unit Name Changes
- Amendment to Articles or Bylaws
- Center Reviews or New Centers
- Curriculum Changes
- Curriculum Policies / Catalog Language Changes
- Graduation Lists (November, April, July)
- Honorary Degrees (Executive Session)- November
- Interim Assessment of New Programs
- Posthumous Degrees
- New Academic or University Policies
- Senate Procedures