Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference
Flow of Debate Sheet

Roll Call
The Rapporteur will announce each country’s name. After delegates hear their delegations name, they should respond with “present.” The Rapporteur will respond by saying that the “delegation of ______ is present.”

Setting the Agenda
ODUMUNC committees and councils have more than one topic they can discuss; therefore the body must choose which topic they wish to discuss first. Chairs should normally allow a moderated caucus or speakers list to let delegates talk about the agenda order preference and then take the matter to a vote.

Establish the Parameters
After the agenda has been set the chair should urge delegates to set a speaking time, question limit, and response time. The Speakers List will automatically open once the Parameters have been set.

Debate

Formal Debate
Formal Debate operates around the Speakers List. Delegates raise their delegations placard to be added to the Speakers List and the Chair will randomly call on the delegations. Delegates may only deliver speeches during this form of debate. No delegation may ask or answer questions. Nor do students motion for any form of caucus.

Informal Debate
Informal Debate operates around the process of listening to delegation speeches and entertaining motions for caucuses. The chair should entertain at least 5 speakers before entertaining a motion for a caucus. Afterwards the chair may accept a motion for a caucus, preferably a moderated caucus to allow more opinions to be heard. It is then up to the Chairs discretion to determine how often the committee has a caucus or has a caucus.

The effort of debate is to compromise and generate working papers that will be presented to the committee either while a sponsor has time on the speakers list or during a suspension of the rules. Introduced working papers turn into draft resolutions and the chair gives the working paper a letter.

Closure of Debate
Once the Speakers List has expired or a delegate motions for a Closure of Debate and the votes in favor, the committee proceeds to Voting Procedures.

Voting Procedures
The committee votes on the Draft Resolutions in the order they were presented. The chair will also entertain and vote on motions for amendments or division of the question. The Order of Precedence is Amendments, Division of the Question and then a vote on the Draft Resolution. At the end of voting procedures the committee moves onto the next topic and resumes the Flow of Debate.