

Summary of WUDC Pre-Council, Special Session, and Council Minutes
December 28, 2012 – January 1, 2013

Pre-Council

- New Zealand’s voting status was corrected from Status C to Status B
- Eligibility concerns raised for 5 Chinese universities, 1 Indonesian team
- Motion to hold a Special Session to reconsider the Berlin break passed easily

Special Session

- English motion to adopt 48-team break regime passed 81-0; USA/Zimbabwe abstained

Council

- **Motion to accept Manila minutes passed unanimously** with the motion reflecting controversy over Slovenia’s vote and how to assess “2/3 support”
- **Motion to accept report from DLSU passed unanimously**
- **Motion to accept report from 2013 organizers and adj core passed unanimously**
- **Chennai bid ratified by regional representations (6 ayes, Oceania not present)**
- **Motion to modify WUDC ranking points earned in out rounds passed unanimously.**
 - Article 33 “Beginning with the 2012 Championships and henceforth, A university’s points for a particular Championships shall also include points accumulated during the elimination phase of the Main Competition according to the following formula:
 - a ~~Where three teams advance from an elimination round, two points shall be awarded to each advancing team;~~
 - a Where a team receives a bye to a subsequent elimination round, they shall receive three points for that bye.
 - b Where two teams advance from an elimination rounds, three points shall be awarded to each advancing team;
 - c Where one team is selected as the Champion in the Main Grand Final, six points shall be awarded to that team.”
- **Motion to codify observer status passed unanimously.**
 - Article 7.11 “Status D nations are nations represented by teams eligible to participate in the final series of the Championships from one recognised institution for two consecutive years. Nations attending for the first time, or who have had a lapse in attendance of more than 2 years, shall be accorded Observer status.”
- **Motion to prohibit changes to the tournament within a certain time period passed 91-3-6.**
 - Article 7.12 “Where Council makes any substantive change(s) to the rules and procedures of the WUDC that may affect the logistics of hosting the event (i.e.: additional in- or out-rounds, meetings, social events, etc.) within 10 months of the start of the Championships, the host, represented by the Convenor(s) and Chief Adjudicator(s), may apply to Council to opt out of those changes.”
- **Council voted 57-41 for the Malaysian bid over the Auckland bid for Worlds 2015**
- **Motion to express support for the Spanish language WUDC passed unanimously**

- Motion: “Council expresses support for the World Universities Debating Championship in the Spanish language.”
- **Motion to clarify 2/3 requirement for constitutional amendment passed with none opposed and 3 abstentions**
 - Motion to clarify Article 7.12 reads: “Where there is placed before the Council a substantive motion which proposes an amendment to this Constitution, such a motion shall not be carried unless it gains yes votes from at least two-thirds of Status A Nations present and at least two-thirds of weighted votes overall.”
- **Motion to add a tenth preliminary round to WUDC failed a voice vote**, although the Chair encouraged further investigation.
- **Motion to require the inclusion of speaker points on the ballot passed unanimously**
 - Motion: “Council mandates that all future World Universities Debating Championships issue a copy of the tournament speaker scale in each room for every preliminary round.”
- **Motion to allow ESL/EFL teams to break double (e.g., in main break and ESL) failed unanimously.**
- **Motion to recognize countries that must delay payment of registration failed**
 - Motion: “Council shall recognize that Venezuelan institutions receives a general payment delay waiver and are only required to pay registration fee upon arrival.”
- **Motion to hold bid presentations during Pre-Council and hold only a short question-and-answer session at Council with the bids passed unanimously**
 - [TEXT FROM STEVE]
- **Motion to advise future WUDC tournaments to use Tom Jackson’s registration system as a guide passed 61-18-19**
 - [TEXT FROM STEVE]
 - Michael Baer: Chennai will finalize registration in the next month or two after consideration of subsequent recommendations and discussion
- Elections for Council positions:
 - **Steve Johnson was elected President unanimously**
 - **Eoin Kilkenny was elected Registrar unanimously**
 - **Zola Valashiya was elected Secretary unanimously**
 - **Tasneem Elias was elected Equity Officer unanimously**