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SUBJECT: Motion to Switch Second Readings and First Readings in our Senate agendas

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During the December 6, 2022 Senate meeting, a motion was made to amend our agenda by placing our Old Business (Second Reading items) ahead of our New Business (First Reading items). This allowed us to address multiple items of old business before introducing new business to the floor.

Based on this experience, we recommend continuing with this pattern for the Spring 2023 semester as a test. We expect that by addressing old business before introducing new business, this will:

- Meter our business to help prevent the backing up of resolutions when we run out of time to address Second Reading items;
- Reduce the time between when a policy is introduced as a First Reading and when it returns as a Second Reading, ensuring the item, conversations, and research remain fresh in Senators' minds when it returns to the floor; and
- Create a more consistent pace in addressing the business at hand.

Conducting our old business before our new business is also consistent with the current practices of the ASCSU and of several of our Senate committees and subcommittees.

This would represent a temporary change to our miscellaneous rules, as Roberts Rules is agnostic on the issue of First Reading items and Second Reading items.
