



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
October 2021**

Office or Committee Name: Student Paper Judging Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Josh Adkins

Date of Preparation (include year): October 13, 2021

Activities during the year:

The committee held a conference call on August 24 in order to get to know the new committee members and discuss any actions needed at that time. The entire committee, composed of Dennis Scott, Clint Beiermann, Prashasti Agarwal (student member), and Josh Adkins (chair), participated in the call.

During this call, we discussed the idea of revising the TIME portion of the student oral contest score sheet. In the past, the student's time was evaluated by either giving them 0 or 5 points (all or none) based on whether or not they allowed 2-4 minutes for questions. Judges would interpret this in various ways. One judge might give a presentation the full 5 points while another would give the same presentation zero. This discrepancy would most likely occur when talks run just a little short or a little long. Of course it is fine that each judge uses the criteria on the judging sheet to score each student at their own discretion. However, it would be nice to standardize the TIME portion where it is clear and does not require interpretation.

Below is the proposed revision to the TIME section of the score sheet that has been approved by all members of the committee.

Time:	11-13 min = 5 points	5	X	3	X	0	
	10-11 min or 13-14 min = 3 points						
	<10 min or >14 min = 0 points						

Recommendations for Board Action: The committee requests that the Board of Directors review this potential revision to the score sheet. If approved, the committee can update the contest rules and score sheet prior to the fall newsletter announcement.

Budget Needs: none

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