

MODEL UNITED NATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

MUNUC's Guide to the
UNMODERATED
CAUCUS

What is an Unmoderated Caucus?

"Unmods" are informal discussions without individual speaking time limits.



Meet with other delegates who may have ideas that align with yours and discuss possible solutions to the issues.

As the conference progresses, you can use this time to write working papers and draft resolutions.



Example Scenario

Say you've just finished a series of mod caucuses that have sparked some ideas. You're hoping to now chat with other delegates to get the ball rolling on writing a working paper with potential solutions. You can propose an unmoderated caucus and get time to walk around the room, meet other delegates, form blocs with delegates who have a similar stance as you, and jot down thoughts together.

Why propose an unmoderated caucus?

In Model UN, we discuss topics with the aim of solving issues. Unmoderated caucuses give you time to discuss ideas in smaller groups.



Meet delegates

This is your chance to walk around the room and hear the full spectrum of ideas in the room. Meet other delegates, hear their ideas, and share yours.



Form blocs

Blocs are groups of delegates who work together to write a draft resolution. Throughout the conference, you may switch or merge blocs as ideas are fleshed out.



Gain support for your resolution

You can use unmods to write draft resolutions with your bloc and chat with those outside your bloc to hear their thoughts on your plan. You need a certain number of signatories from other delegates to submit a resolution, and their feedback will make you think critically about your ideas.

Unmoderated Caucus FAQs

How do I propose an unmoderated caucus?

Delegate raises their placard and says "*Motion for a 10-minute unmoderated caucus.*"

Then, you'll vote on the motion as a committee. If a majority of people raise their placards in favor, you'll enter an unmod.

How long of an unmoderated caucus should I propose?

Early in the conference, your Chair will look more favorably on more motions for mods and fewer motions for unmods; this will allow you to hear everyone's ideas and see how they compare to your country's stance. For this reason, shorter unmods - around 5-10 minutes are preferable if the conference is in its initial stages. However, as you begin writing working papers and move onto draft resolutions, you can motion for longer unmods of ~20 minutes.

How can I start forming a bloc during an unmod?

During your initial mods, pay close attention and take note of delegates whose ideas align with yours. You can send them a note on a sheet of paper to tell them that you like their ideas and would love to hear more of their thoughts during an unmod. Once you enter an unmod, see if you're on the same page, and if so, you can start fleshing out initial ideas for a working paper. Building a bloc requires you to actively listen as a delegate, brainstorm, and exchange ideas with others.

MUNUC Tips & Tricks

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Think of unmods as an informal conversation. Just like in a conversation, make sure to be polite, acknowledge other delegates' ideas, and include everyone by asking for their thoughts and actively listening.

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Think about your strengths and your role in a group. What kind of a role do you play in group projects at school? Are you the one writing? Are you organizing other people's ideas? Are you the one making sure that everyone gets a chance to speak?

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Be professional and respectful. While unmods are more informal than mods, it's important to remain respectful of others.