

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1104**

**TITLE: Resolution Amending Rules IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XII, and XIV of the Student Senate Rules & Procedures**

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**RULE IV  
ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS**

**1. Roll Call:**

- a. The Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence) or ~~his/her~~ their designee will call the roll of the Senate whenever needed. If no members of the Rules and Ethics committee are present for roll call, the Senate President may designate a Senator to call the roll of the Senate.

**3. Quorum:**

- b. Any Senator may raise a point of order regarding the presence of a quorum, at which point the chair of the Senate will instruct the Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or Vice Chair or ~~his/her~~ their designee) to call the roll.

**RULE V  
FLOOR RULES AND PRIVILEGES**

**3. Readings:**

- c. The Parliamentarian of the Senate, or, in ~~his/her~~ their absence, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate will perform all readings to the Senate.

**RULE VI  
RULES GOVERNING DEBATE**

**1. Consideration of Bills:**

- e. Following the question period, there shall be a period of pro/con debate.

- ii. Any Senator may yield ~~his or her~~ their debate time to a specific Senator or to like-minded speakers.
- iv. If a Senator's speech is hostile to the side whose time ~~he/she is~~ they are using, that Senator will be issued a warning for disruptive conduct and any time used by that speech should be returned to the clock.

**2. Consideration of Vetoed Legislation:**

- d. Following the question period, there will be a period of pro/con debate, with pro being in support of overriding the veto and con in support of sustaining the veto.
  - ii. Any Senator may yield ~~his or her~~ their debate time to a specific Senator or to like-minded speakers.
  - iv. If a Senator's speech is hostile to the side whose time ~~he/she is~~ they are using, that Senator will be issued a warning for disruptive conduct and any time used by that speech should be returned to the clock.

RULE VII  
VOTING

**1. Standard Voting Procedure:**

- j. The chair will not be required to vote except in the event of a roll call vote where ~~his/her~~ their vote would affect the result.

**2. Roll Call Votes:**

- c. Senators may abstain from voting in the roll call vote in cases of conflict of interest pursuant to Section 1(h) of this rule.
  - i. When the Senator wishing to abstain has ~~his/her~~ their name called, ~~he/she~~ they will explain the reason for the abstention to the Senate for consideration.
  - ii. The Senator abstaining will write the reason for abstention on ~~his/her~~ their voting record.

RULE VIII  
EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

**1. Procedure:**

- a. Whenever the Student Body President (or ~~his/her~~ their designee) makes a nomination that requires the approval of the Senate, the final question will always be, “Will the Senate approve this nomination?”
  - ii. Debate over this question will begin with five minutes of questions of the Student Body President (or ~~his/her~~ their designee) or the nominee in question.

RULE IX  
PUBLIC COMMENT

**1. Rights to Comment:**

- b. Students may sign-up for public comment by submitting an electronic request that specifies the matter on which ~~he/she wishes~~ they wish to speak to the Senate President and Senate Secretary before the meeting is called to order.

RULE XI  
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

**1. Replacement and Agenda Committee:**

- c. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will meet at least once every two school weeks at the time and place determined by the chair, unless there is no business to be heard by the committee, and as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at ~~his/her~~ their leisure.

**2. Budget and Appropriations Committee:**

- d. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will meet at least once every two school weeks at the time and place determined by the chair, unless there is no business to be heard by the committee, and as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at ~~his/her~~ their leisure.

**3. Allocations Committee:**

- c. The Allocations Committee will meet at least once every two

school weeks at the time and place determined by the chair, unless there is no business to be heard by the committee, and as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at ~~his/her~~ their leisure.

**4. Judiciary Committee:**

c. Review of Legislation:

i. If a bill is amended by the Judiciary Committee, the author may withdraw ~~his or her~~ their name from their bill. In this case, the Judiciary Committee will become the author of said bill.

e. The Judiciary Committee will meet at least once every two school weeks at the time and place determined by the chair, unless there is no business to be heard by the committee, and as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at ~~his/her~~ their leisure.

**5. Rules and Ethics Committee:**

c. Investigation of Student Organizations:

i. The Rules and Ethics Committee will inform the president of a student organization that their organization is being investigated by the committee and shall inform ~~him/her~~ them of the times and locations of any hearings pertaining to the investigation no later than three days prior to the hearing.

ii. The investigation will be conducted in the same manner as the investigation of Senators (see above), with the student(s) filing the complaint (or the designee of the committee) acting as the plaintiff, and the president of the organization or ~~his/her~~ their student designee acting as the defendant.

d. The Rules and Ethics Committee will meet at least once every two School weeks at the time and place determined by the chair, unless there is no business to be heard by the committee, and as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at ~~his/her~~ their leisure.

**6. Information and Communications Committee:**

c. Orientation Sessions:

i. The Information and Communication Committee will hold an orientation session prior to any new Senator's second regular meeting of the Senate. These orientations will be mandatory, and any Senator failing to attend will

be removed from Senate. The Rules and Ethics Committee may excuse this absence in the same manner as any other Senate absence.

1. If a Senator is excused from an orientation session ~~he or she~~ they will be required to attend a make-up session within a two week period.
- e. The Information and Communications Committee will meet at least once every two school weeks at the time and place determined by the chair, unless there is no business to be heard by the committee, and as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at ~~his/her~~ their leisure.

**7. Assignment to Standing Committees:**

- i. No person may serve simultaneously as a voting member of both the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Allocations Committee.
  - i. Whenever a voting member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee is elected to serve as a voting member of the Allocations Committee, ~~his/her~~ their seat on the Budget and Appropriations Committee will be vacated.
  - ii. Whenever a voting member of the Allocations Committee is elected to serve as a voting member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, ~~his/her~~ their seat on the Allocations Committee will be vacated.

**7. Chairs of Standing Committees:**

1. The chair will appoint a vice-chair, who will carry out the duties of the Chair in ~~his/her~~ their absence.

**9. Standing Committee Attendance:**

- b. Upon accumulating one unexcused absence from committee meetings in the fall or spring semesters, or one absence in either of the summer terms, the Rules and Ethics Committee will notify a Senator that if another unexcused absence from that committee is added to his/her attendance record, ~~he/she~~ they will resign from that committee by non-attendance.

RULE XII  
VACANCY REPLACEMENT

**2. Summer Replacements:**

- a. Whenever a Senator is not enrolled in classes at the university's main campus in either of the summer terms, that Senator may appoint a summer replacement to hold ~~his/her~~ their seat for the summer term(s) that ~~he/she~~ they will not be enrolled in classes.
- c. If a Senator's summer replacement resigns or is expelled from the Senate, the vacancy will be filled pursuant to §1 of this Rule, provided that the original Senator will still regain ~~his/her~~ their seat at the start of the fall semester (or Summer B, if ~~he/she is~~ they are not enrolled for Summer A).
- e. If a Senator chooses to appoint a summer replacement to hold ~~his/her~~ their seat for the summer term(s) that ~~he/she~~ they will not be enrolled in classes, then the Senate must confirm said appointment on May 1st in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body.

RULE XIV  
LEGISLATION

**1. Submitting New Legislation:**

- e. Whenever any legislation particularly affecting one or more student organizations is to be heard by the Senate, the president(s) of the affected organization(s) must be notified by the Chair of the committee assigned to hear that legislation (or ~~his/her~~ their designee) no later than three days prior to the first meeting of the Senate at which the legislation is to be heard. This provision does not apply if the affected organization(s) is bringing the legislation before the Senate (e.g. a special request for allocations).