

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1000

TITLE: Legislative Prerogative Act

AUTHOR(S): Senate President Pro Tempore Noah Fineberg

SPONSOR(S):

RULE XIV LEGISLATION

(AMENDED: 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2020-1064, 2021-1003, 2021-1005, 2021-1006)

1. Submitting New Legislation:

- a. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests must be submitted to the chair of the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation by a Student Senator. If no committee is assigned to hear or is able to hear a piece of legislation, that legislation will be referred to the Replacement and Agenda Committee so that it may be considered for addition to the agenda.
- b. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests may only be authored and sponsored by the following Student Government Officials:
 - i. Any Member of the Student Senate
 - ~~ii. Any Standing or Ad Hoc Committee of the Student Senate~~
 - iii. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
 - ~~iv. The President elect, Vice President elect, and Treasurer elect of the Student Body~~
 - ~~v. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, or Agency Chair~~
 - ~~vi. The Supervisor of Elections and any member(s) of the Elections Commission~~
- c. If a committee creates legislation, that committee may directly submit legislation to the Replacement and Agenda Committee for addition to the agenda or may first refer that legislation to the committee normally tasked with hearing that type of legislation.
- d. Legislation not added to the agenda by the Replacement and Agenda Committee may be added to the agenda from the floor with a majority vote if it has not previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate during the same term. Any legislation to be added to the agenda from the floor must be submitted to the Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM the day before the Senate meeting at which the legislation may be added to the agenda. Legislation may not be added to the agenda from the floor unless it has already been reviewed by the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation.
- e. Legislation may not be submitted for referral to a committee if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring. Legislation may not be added to the agenda if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring.
- f. 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 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.
- g. All outstanding legislation at the end of each academic semester and at the Senate meeting when validation of Senate election results occurs each fall and spring will be procedurally withdrawn.

2. Written Amendments to Legislation:

- a. Written amendments to legislation must be submitted to the Senate President and Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Senate at which the amendment is to be heard.
- b. Written amendments may be submitted and heard by the Senate to amend any legislation that is being considered in first reading, or for legislation currently on the table, so long as that legislation is taken up from the table before the amendment is heard.
- c. Written amendments may not be submitted and heard by the Senate to amend any legislation that is being considered in second readings.
- d. All submitted amendments to legislation shall be labeled with the author(s) of said amendment to legislation.

3. Budget Requests:

- a. The Student Senate authorizes the Budget and Appropriations Committee to hear event, travel, and Student Organization Operational Budget requests from registered student organizations. These requests will not require a bill of law to be approved.
- b. The Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson will make the Student Senate aware of any approved travel, event, and Student Organization Operational Budget requests in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of final approval.
- c. A Student Senator, with signatures from twenty voting members of the Student Senate, reserves the right to file a veto petition for any approved event, travel, or Student Organization Operational Budget, if the Senator believes the request violates a provision of the 800 Codes. The Senator must cite the code being violated in the veto request and must submit the petition to the Senate Secretary no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the Budget and Appropriations Chairperson has made the Student Senate aware of the approved request.
- d. The veto petition will be added to the agenda and be heard under the committee report that approved the request. The veto petition will be debated in accordance with the established procedure for a bill under first readings. The veto petition will require a two-thirds vote of the members of the Student Senate present and voting at a regular meeting to be overturned.