

**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2023-1055****TITLE:** VOTING RECORD FORGIVENESS ACT (VRFA)**AUTHOR(S):** Rules and Ethics Chairwoman Lilliana Clark**SPONSOR(S):** Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Budget and Appropriations Chair Blake Cox, Information and Communications Chair Ethan Ghozali, Minority Party Leader Bronson Allemand, Senator Matt Reich, Senator Zoe Richter, Senator Raj Mia, Judiciary Vice Chair Joaquin Marcelino**RULE IV****ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS**

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2021-1003)

1. **Roll Call:**
  - a. The Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence) or 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.
  - b. The roll will be called at the start of every meeting, after every recess, as well as for any quorum call or roll call vote.
  - c. Any Senator that fails to answer a roll call; or quorum call, will receive a one- half absence, with a maximum of one absence being given to a Senator per meeting.
  - d. Voting records (see Rule VII §1) will be used to determine the final roll call unless the final roll call is called for by a majority vote.
  - e. A Senator may turn in two incomplete voting records, per respective attendance period, without penalty. The Senator will receive one-half absence for each incomplete voting record following this. ~~If a Senator turns in an incomplete voting record for final roll call the Senator will receive one half absence.~~
2. **Absence Excuses:**
  - a. If a Senator believes that an absence should be recorded as excused, that Senator must submit an excuse to the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than one week following the absence (see Rule

XII §5).

- b. The Rules and Ethics Committee will submit their recommendations of

excusal to the Senate for approval during the committee's report.

3. **Quorum:**

- a. A quorum to conduct business will be a majority of the total membership of the Senate.
- 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 their designee) to call the roll.
- c. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will prevent any Senators entering the chambers during the roll call from being recorded as present.

*Proviso: This law shall take effect immediately after the Validation of the Fall 2023 Election Results*

  
Oscar Santiago Perez      Date  
Senate President