

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1139**TITLE:** The Accountability of Acts Act (AAA)**AUTHOR(S):** Senator Christian Rodriguez**SPONSOR(S):** Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Judiciary Vice-Chair Joaquin R.C. Marcelino, Senator Chalisa Budhai

RULE XI

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

(AMENDED: 2009-100, 2009-104, 2009-121, 2009-140, 2010-122, 2011-114, 2011-116, 2011-130, 2014-106, 2014-111, 2016-117, 2018-114, 2018-121, 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2020-1034, 2020-1064, 2021-1003))

1. Replacement and Agenda Committee:

- a. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will consist of the following members:
 - i. The Senate President Pro Tempore, as Chair
 - ii. The Senate President
 - iii. The leader of each political party or coalition (see Rule XVII)
 - iv. The Two Senate Members-At-Large
 - v. A member of the Student Body that is appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore as the Replacement and Agenda Committee Clerk, who serves as the taker of minutes, for the Replacement and Agenda Committee, as an ex-officio non-voting, non-speaking member.
 1. Should the chair choose not to fill this position, a committee member will serve as the taker of minutes.
- b. Duties:
 - i. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will prepare the agenda for regular meetings of the Senate in accordance with Rule III §1.
 - ii. The Replacement and Agenda Committee may add special rules to the agenda pertaining to the structure of debate and voting with a two thirds vote of the committee. The committee may not change the threshold required to approve a nominee or legislation. The Senate may suspend these special rules by a two-thirds vote.

- iii. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will recommend to the Senate the voting members of the other standing committees. The Senate shall hear these recommendations during the committee's report (See §7 of this Rule).
- iv. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will recommend to the Senate the voting members of the other standing committees. The Senate shall hear these recommendations during the committee's report (See §8 of this Rule).
- v. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will recommend to the Senate replacement Senators to fill any vacant seats. The Senate will hear these recommendations during the committee's report (See Rule XIII).
 - 1. Following a vote by the committee regarding a vacant position, the Replacement and Agenda Committee Chair will notify all applicants within twenty-four (24) hours of the committee's decision.
- vi. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will review the qualifications of all executive nominations that require Senate approval, except for those nominations to the judicial branch, determining if they are eligible to hold said office.
- vii. The chair of the committee will submit an end of session transition report at the end of each Fall and Spring session to the Senate Secretary that will detail the committee's activities of that session and offer suggestions to future chairs.
- 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 their leisure.

2. Budget and Appropriations Committee:

- a. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will consist of the following members:
 - i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate (See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be the Committee Chair (See §8 of this Rule).
 - ii. A member of the Student Body that is appointed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair as the Budget and Appropriations Committee Clerk, who serves as the taker of minutes, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, as an ex-officio non-voting, non speaking member.
 - 1. Should the chair choose not to fill this position, a committee member will serve as the taker of minutes
- b. Duties:
 - i. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate the Activity and Service Fee Budget.
 - ii. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on all student organization operational budgets.

- iii. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on all student organization event requests.
- iv. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on all student organization travel requests.
- v. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will hear and decide on all appeals stemming from decisions of the Travel Grant Sub Committee.
- vi. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on any requests for line-item budget changes and reserve funds.
- vii. The Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair will submit into the Senate records all budget requests and other documents submitted to the committee.
- viii. The Budget and Appropriations chair of the committee will submit an end of session transition report at the end of each Fall and Spring session to the Senate Secretary that will detail the committee's activities of that session and offer suggestions to future chairs.
- c. Student Government-Funded Organizations:
 - i. Any organization requesting funding through the Budget and Appropriations Committee must submit all forms and documents required by the committee.
 - ii. All Student Government-funded organization requests are to be sent to all Senators at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the committee hearing at which said request should be heard.
- 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. The committee will also meet as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two-thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at their leisure.
- e. The Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair must send any reserve transfer bills or changes to the originally approved budget to all Senators twenty-four (24) hours before the duly called budget meeting.

3. Judiciary Committee:

- a. The Judiciary Committee shall consist of the following members:
 - i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate (See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be selected as the Committee Chair (See §8 of this Rule).
 - ii. A member of the Student Body that is appointed by the Judiciary Committee Chair as the Judiciary Committee Clerk, who serves as the taker of minutes, for the Judiciary Committee, as an ex-officio non voting, non-speaking member.
 - 1. Should the chair choose not to fill this position, a committee member will serve as the taker of minutes

b. Duties:

- i. The Judiciary Committee will review all non-budgetary bills, resolutions, and proposed constitutional amendments submitted to the Senate (see below).
- ii. The Judiciary Committee will review the qualifications of all nominations to the judicial branch, determining if they are qualified to hold said office.
- iii. The Judiciary Committee will submit into the Senate records all documents created by or submitted to the committee and make copies available at the next meeting of the Senate following their creation/submission.
- iv. The Judiciary Committee will, before every Fall general election, submit to the Senate legislation regarding the apportionment of the Senate (see below).
- v. The Judiciary Committee Chair will submit an end of session transition report at the end of each Fall and Spring session to the Senate Secretary that will detail the committee's activities of that session and offer suggestions to future chairs.
- vi. The Judiciary Committee Chair will once every fall and spring terms present a workshop on how to draft and submit legislation. This workshop can be done in conjunction with or separate from the new Senator orientation.
- vii. The Judiciary Committee will be responsible for maintaining a legislation tracker of all legislation approved by this committee.

c. Review of Legislation:

- i. Proposed legislation that is to be reviewed by the Judiciary Committee will be submitted to the committee no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the committee meeting at which it is scheduled to be heard.
- ii. The Judiciary Committee will review legislation as to its constitutionality, implication, legality, format, and clarity, and may submit to the Senate amendments to legislation reviewed by the committee.
- iii. The Judiciary Committee reserves the right to debate, amend and review all bills. The process of review shall be as follows:
 - 1) Five minutes of presentation from an author or sponsor
 - 2) Five minutes of question-and-answer period
 - 3) Five minutes of debate
 - 4) Two minutes of final privilege
- iv. If a bill is amended by the Judiciary Committee, any author or sponsor may withdraw their name from the bill. If the bill then has no listed author, the Judiciary Committee will become the author of said bill.
- v. The Judiciary Committee may pass, postpone, table, or fail each bill:
 - 1) Each bill postponed by the Judiciary Committee shall be reviewed in the next committee meeting or it will be considered failed.
 - 2) The Judiciary Committee Chair of the committee will

inform the author of the bill as to why it failed using the aforementioned criteria in the meeting the bill was reviewed.

3) Only bills passed by the Judiciary Committee will be sent to the full Senate.

vi. Proposed legislation that is to be reviewed by the Judiciary Committee will be sent to all Senators by the Judiciary Committee Chair no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the committee meeting at which it is scheduled to be reviewed.

d. Apportionment of the Senate:

i. The Judiciary Committee will draft legislation to set the apportionment of the Senate, either reapportioning it with a bill amending the section of the Student Body Statutes regarding apportionment or recommending to the Senate that the apportionment of the Senate be maintained in its current state.

ii. The committee will begin drafting apportionment legislation no earlier than the start of the Summer A term and must submit the legislation to the Senate no later than three weeks before the Fall general election.

iii. If the legislation proposed by the committee fails to be adopted by the Senate, the Senate may either recommit the legislation with instructions or may adopt other legislation setting apportionment.

e. Legislation Tracker:

i. The legislation tracker will include the following information for all legislation approved by the committee:

1. Name of legislation

2. Author(s) and sponsors (if applicable)

3. Stage of the legislative process the legislation is in

4. Any votes by the Senate or vetoes by the Student Body President

5. If passed, meaningful uses and/or impacts of the legislation for up to a year after passage

ii. If the Judiciary Committee does not have any information required for the legislation tracker, a member of the committee shall request the information from the Senate Secretary.

iii. The tracker will be posted on the Judiciary Committee's page on the SG website.

e-f. 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. The committee will also meet as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two-thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at their leisure.

Proviso: If enacted, this bill will be enforced until the end of Fall 2023. It will then be reconsidered without this proviso.

Oscar Santiago Perez 8/18/23
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Senate President