

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1177

TITLE: Political Affiliation Realignment Technical Initiative (PARTI)

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RULE XVII: Political Parties

(AMENDED: 2016-120, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-1003)

1. Affiliation:

- a. All new Senators must indicate their party affiliation when submitting their information forms to the Senate office.
 - i. Replacement Senators must indicate their affiliation in the same manner as any other Senator.
- b. Senators may choose to affiliate with any political party that has participated won a seat in a Student Government elections within the past two election cycles, or may choose to be recognized as an independent.
 - i. If a Senator wishes to affiliate with a political party other than the one they slated with and the political party already has a caucus at the time of affiliation, they must obtain written approval from the party leader of the caucus they would like to affiliate with that shall be sent to the Senate President Pro Tempore.
 1. If a Summer Replacement Senator wishes to affiliate with a political party other than the affiliation of the Senator they are replacing, they must obtain approval from the party leader of the caucus they seek to affiliate with in the same manner as outlined in Rule XVII (1)(b)(i).
 2. Permanent Replacement Senators must obtain approval from the party leader of the caucus they seek to affiliate with in the same manner as outlined in Rule XVII (1)(b)(i).
- c. Senators may change their affiliation ~~at any time to a political party that has won a seat in a Student Government election within the past two (2) election cycles different than the one they are currently affiliated with once per constituency period in the same manner as outlined in Rule XVII 1(b)(i)~~ by submitting

notification in writing to the Senate President, Senate President Pro Tempore, Senate Secretary, or other Senate office staff.

Senators may be recognized as an independent at any time.

2. Composition of Parties:

- a. Political parties will consist of all of the Senators who have properly indicated their affiliation with that party.
- b. Any political party with eight or more members will receive representation on the Replacement and Agenda Committee (see Rule XII §1).
- c. Political parties will select their party leaders by signing petitions for party leadership and submitting them to the Senate Secretary and Senate President Pro Tempore in writing. The party member who receives the signatures of a majority of the party will be the party leader.
- d. Political parties may choose assistant party leaders in the same manner as a party leader, who will represent the party at the Replacement and Agenda Committee in the event of the party leader's absence or in the event of a significant conflict of interest.

Proviso: Let a copy be sent to Senator Raj Mia, Acting Chief Justice Julia Van de Bogart, Supreme Court Justice Dylan Brown, Supreme Court Justice Mark Freeman, Supreme Court Justice Brittney Deas, Supreme Court Justice Janelle Rolle, and Former Minority Party Leader Bronson Allemand

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