

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1009

TITLE: Town Hall Productivity Act – 300 CODES REVISIONS

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CHAPTER 324 STUDENT SENATOR ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (79-221, 81-155, 82-105, 82- 139, 82-164, 82-165, 83-102, 83-200, 84-139, 87-163, 88-117, 88-134, 89-117, 89-118, 89-130, 90-126, 91-118, 92-101, 92-143, 94-114, 95-102, 95-102, 96-116, 98-104, 98-120, 99-122, 2000- 146, 2000-154, 2002-143, 2002-158, 2003-122, 2004-122, 2005-118, 2005-140, 2006-112, 2006- 131, 2006-132, 2007-105, 2007-105, 2007-144, 2008-124, 2008-140, 2010-122, 2012-100, 2014- 100, 2014-11, 2015-109, 2019-114, 2020-100, 2020-1042, 2022-114, 2022-121)

324.25 Student Senators can coordinate, participate, and develop official Town Hall events to cover one tabling constituency requirement if verified under the following guidelines:

1. Town Hall events must accomplish one of the following purposes:
 - a. Provide an additional forum for constituents to reach out to their Senators regarding issues, policies, and needs that **pertain to the focus of the Town Hall they have identified.**
 - b. Allow for the Student Senator to share their legislative goals and focuses within their tenure as a sitting Student Senator and provide **a moderated an open** forum for questions and commentary **discussion** from constituencies.
2. Town halls must be moderated by the Rules and Ethics Committee Chair.
 - a. In the event that the Chair is unable to moderate, another member of the committee will moderate.
 - b. An additional member of the Rules and Ethics Committee may act as a moderating assistant during online Town Halls. This assistant will provide summarized captioning for the Town Hall meeting as it occurs.
 - c. Powers and Duties of the Chair:
 - i. Open and call each Town Hall to order.
 - ii. Announce the sequence of the agenda.
 - iii. Allow the Senator(s) hosting the Town Hall to address agenda items before recognizing other speakers. All speakers must be recognized by the chair.

- iv. Maintain the decorum of Town Halls. Following Rules and Procedures I §5(B), the chair may issue warnings on the basis of disruption. "Campaigning" as defined in 700.4, will be considered disruptive behavior. Any disruptive individual with over two warnings may be removed from the Town Hall.
- v. Adjourn the Town Hall when the agenda is completed.
- 3. Student Senators must notify the Rules and Ethics Committee Chair and Senate Secretary no later than 21 days in advance of the date of the event, including the following information:
 - a. The location of the Town Hall. (i.e. Zoom Communications Inc., Turlington Hall Classroom, etc.)
 - b. Proper documentation accounting for the official reservation Town Hall location.
 - c. The date and time of the Town Hall.
 - d. The rationale behind developing this Town Hall.
 - e. An agenda for The focus areas of the Town Hall event.
- 4. The Rules and Ethics Committee must reserve the right to approve or deny a request to be considered eligible for constituency.
- 5. The Rules and Ethics Committee must notify the Senator who submitted the Town Hall event request no later than 24 hours in advance of their deliberation on the matter.
- 6. These events may cover only tabling constituency for a maximum of two hours per constituency period.
- 7. If a Senator violates any of the aforementioned guidelines during the Town Hall, constituency credit will not be awarded.



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