

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1283

TITLE: COMMITTEE INDEPENDENCE ACT – SENATE RULES AND PROCEDURES REVISION

AUTHOR(S): AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

SPONSORS:

**RULE X
COMMITTEES**

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-1003)

1. Types of Committees:

- a. Standing Committees of the Senate will be established by Rule XI of these Rules and Procedures.
- b. Standing Committees will report verbally at every meeting of the Senate on their activities since they last reported to the Senate. Standing Committee reports can be sent electronically by a majority vote of the Senate in place of a verbal report.
- c. The Senate President may establish ad-hoc committees to hear business as established in their creation.
 - i. The Senate President will appoint the members and the chair of ad hoc committees.
 - ii. The Senate President may discharge any ad-hoc committee of the Senate, and must provide a reason for discharging said committee. Examples of reasons to discharge an ad-hoc committee include, but are not limited to: malfeasance, nonfeasance, abuse of power. These recommendations may be made upon receiving the findings of any investigations conducted by the Rules & Ethics Committee of the Senate.
 - iii. The Senate may, by a ~~two-thirds~~ simple majority vote, discharge any ad-hoc committee of the Senate.
 - iv. The Senate President will be kept informed of any ad-hoc committee business.
- d. Ad-hoc committees may report to the Senate once they have completed the task(s) that they were created for.

e. Ad-hoc committees may report to the Senate on their current activities and progress as needed.

f. Membership of ad-hoc committees may include both Senators and members of the Student Body.