

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-XXXX

TITLE: SENATE PRESIDENT WARNINGS LENIENCY ACT (SPWLA)

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RULE I OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2021-1003)

1. Senate President:

a. Elections:

The President of the Senate will be elected at the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate elections results each Fall and Spring, or whenever the office otherwise becomes vacant. After nominations from the floor have closed, each nominee will have five minutes to address the body, followed by a five-minute question and answer period. The President of the Senate will be elected by roll call ballot from all Senators present and voting. A majority of all votes cast will be required to win the election. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, the Senate will hold a run-off election between the two candidates that received the greatest number of votes.

b. Powers and Duties:

- i. The President of the Senate will be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Senate.
- ii. The President of the Senate will direct the legislative processes of the Senate.
- iii. The President of the Senate will hold the chair at meetings of the Senate.
- iv. The President of the Senate will preserve parliamentary law, maintain the decorum of meetings, and will serve as a neutral arbiter of the Senate.
- v. The President of the Senate will enforce the Rules and Procedures of the Senate.
- vi. The President of the Senate will issue subpoenas and/or subpoenas duces tecum to Student Body Officers, Officials, Senators, and officers of Student Government-funded organizations on behalf of the Senate in cases of investigations.
- vii. The President of the Senate or the President's designee may administer oaths to Student Body Officers, Officials, Senators, and officers of Student Government funded organizations in cases of investigations.
- viii. The President of the Senate may issue warnings to Senators for disruptive conduct during meetings and any Senator who has received more than two warnings from the meeting will not be recognized for the duration of the meeting in question. ~~be considered absent. A Senator who is considered~~

~~absent under this procedure will receive one-half absence for each roll call vote they miss up to one absence for the meeting.~~

- ix. The President of the Senate 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 activities of that session and offer suggestions to future Senate Presidents.
- x. The President of the Senate will have all other powers and duties listed in these Rules and Procedures.

5. Senate Sergeant-at-Arms:

a. Appointment:

- i. The President of the Student Senate may appoint the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms whenever the office becomes vacant.
- ii. The Student Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will be considered an exclusionary office in accordance with Chapter 130 of the Student Body Statutes.

b. Powers and Duties:

- i. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will be tasked with maintaining order and preventing individuals from disrupting meetings of the Senate as directed by the Chair.
- ii. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will remove individuals disrupting meetings of the Senate as deemed by the President of the Student Senate. Prior to removal the disruptive individual must be issued at least two warnings. The issuing of a warning on the basis of disruption will be left to the discretion of the Senate President. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will not remove Senators receiving warnings pursuant to Rule I § (1)(b)(viii).
- iii. The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms will guard the doors of the Senate chambers, preventing Senators entering the room from joining the voting body once a vote has begun or once a quorum call has been made.

RULE V

FLOOR RULES AND PRIVILEGES

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2020-1064, 2021-1009)

1. Floor Privileges:

- a. Senators who are rightfully able to vote will be able to speak in debate on the floor.
- b. The following people or their designees will be allowed as much time before the Senate as is necessary to present items germane to their administrations, and will have a total of five minutes each to yield to other speakers, so long as the presentation remains germane to the administration of the yielding individual.
 - i. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
 - ii. The President-elect, Vice President-elect, and Treasurer-elect of the Student Body
 - iii. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, Executive Secretary, or Agency Head
 - iv. The President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
 - v. Any Justice of the Supreme Court of the Student Body
 - vi. Any University Administrative Officer or Dean.
 - vii. The Senate Parliamentarian
- c. Any committee of the Senate will be allowed as much time before the Senate as is necessary to report on the activities of the committee and to make recommendations to the Senate germane to the purview of the committee.
- d. Senators who ~~violate are declared absent during a meeting in accordance with~~ Rule I § (1)(b)(viii) revoke all floor privileges granted under this rule for the remainder of said meeting.