

## **STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1294**

### **TITLE: SENATE REPLACEMENT AND AGENDA COMMITTEE NOMINATION INTENSIFICATION (SRACNI) ACT**

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## **RULE XII VACANCY REPLACEMENT**

(AMENDED: 2010-122, 2014-106, 2016-120, 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2020-1064, 2021-1003, 2021-1010, 2023-119)

**1. Standard Vacancies in Senate:**

- a. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Senate, the Replacement and Agenda Committee will announce the vacancy in their report to the Senate, as outlined in Chapter 340 of the Student Body Statutes.
- b. Information regarding Senate vacancies will be made public by the Information and Communication Committee as soon as is possible (see Rule XII §6).
- c. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will interview all applicants for replacement Senate seats, and may recommend to the Senate the applicant the committee deems best suited for the seat in a fair, objective, unbiased manner.
- d. Applicants will submit any documents required by the Replacement and Agenda Committee, including an affidavit affirming to the qualifications of the applicant to hold the seat in question, no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the meeting at which the interviews will be held.
- e. The appointment process for these recommendations will be as follows: three minutes of presentation, three minutes of questions and answers, two rounds of alternating con and pro debate with one minute per round per side, and one-minute final privilege.
- f. The Senate may, when considering the committee's recommendation, open the floor to nominations of the other applicants for the seat in question with the support of the ~~two-thirds majority~~ of the members present.
  - i. If other nominations are made, elections will be held for the Senate seat by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote.
  - ii. If a nomination from the floor is made, each nomination along with the committee's recommendation will be allowed 5 minutes of presentation followed by 3 minutes of question and answer. Debate will proceed with three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate. If more than one additional floor nomination is made, there will still be three alternating

rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate.

g. If the Senate does not adopt the committee's recommendation, the floor will immediately be opened to nominations of the other applicants for the seat in question, and elections will be held for the Senate seat by rising vote.

i. Each nomination will be allowed 5 minutes of presentation followed by 3 minutes of question and answer. Debate will proceed with three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate. If more than one additional floor nomination is made, there will still

be three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate.

*Proviso: This provision shall sunset at the next Student Senate meeting following the Validation of the Spring 2024 Election Results.*