

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1227

TITLE: Terms of Offices for Senate Officers and Liaisons – Rules & Procedures Amendment

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SPONSORS:

RULE I OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2021-1003, 2023-191, 2023-191 2023-193)

4. Senate Parliamentarian:

- a. Appointment:
 - i. The President of the Student Senate may appoint the Senate Parliamentarian whenever the office becomes vacant. The position shall be vacated upon each validation of elections.
 - ii. The Student Senate Parliamentarian will be considered an exclusionary office in accordance with Chapter 130 of the Student Body Statutes.
 - iii. If the President of the Student Senate does not appoint a Senate Parliamentarian, the President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate will perform all duties prescribed in these Rules.
- b. Powers and Duties:
 - i. The Senate Parliamentarian will, upon request, assist the chair in presiding over meetings of the Senate and assist committee chairs and vice chairs in presiding over meetings of their committees. These powers shall not contravene any powers delineated to the chair of the Senate or of any committee.
 - ii. The Senate Parliamentarian will, upon request, instruct the Senate President, President Pro Tempore, and committee chairs and vice chairs on the proper methods for chairing meetings.
 - iii. Senate Parliamentarian will work to better the Senate's general understanding of parliamentary law, and will help any Senator with issues of parliamentary law.
 - iv. The Senate Parliamentarian will, upon request from any Senator, issue in writing to the Senator and the President of the Senate a non-binding opinion on matters of parliamentary law.
 - v. The Senate Parliamentarian shall give a presentation on parliamentary law at orientation sessions, upon request of the Information & Communication Committee (See Rule XI §8(c)(ii) and §8(c)(iii)). They may also prepare a presentation for use by the Information & Communication Committee.

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. The position shall be vacated upon each validation of elections.
 - 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.
- 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.
- iv. The Sergeant-at-Arms will prevent any Senator from leaving the Senate chamber with an electronic clicker.

RULE II OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

(AMENDED: 2010-113, 2010-117, 2014-106, 2017-110, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-1003, 2023-130)

1. Appointments:

- a. The President of the Senate may appoint Senate Liaisons to the other branches of Student Government and University auxiliaries.
- b. Senate Liaisons will serve at the leisure of the President of the Senate.
- c. Senate Liaisons must also hold Senate seats.
- d. The Senate President will meet with the Senate.
- e. The positions shall be vacated upon each validation of elections.

