

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1237

TITLE: Credentials to Serve Act - Rules & Procedures Revision

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RULE XII
VACANCY REPLACEMENT

(AMENDED: 2010-122, 2014-106, 2016-120, 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021-111, 2023-119, 2023-195)

3. Senator Representative Integrity Replacement Procedure:

- a. When a Student Senator formally resigns from their senatorial position per the procedure listed in §340.1(4), they shall have seven (7) academic days following the resignation submission to name a replacement to serve in their capacity as a Student Senator, effective immediately upon receipt of an email correspondence to the Senate President Pro-Tempore or Acting Chair of the Replacement and Agenda Committee.

i. Stipulations:

1. The resigning Senator must have served for a minimum of four (4) Senate meetings, which can be non-consecutive.
2. The replacement individual selected by the resigning Senator can serve for up to two consecutive legislative sessions as defined below. The Senate may extend this maximum by a 3/5 vote.
 - a. *Clarification of Legislative Intent:* The term “legislative session” shall be defined as a period ending at the conclusion of a semester (Fall, Spring, Summer A, Summer B) or at the validation of election results in the fall or spring semesters in accordance with RULE XIV (1)(g).
3. A Senator named via this procedure shall have the ability to name a summer replacement, with this individual serving until the conclusion of the original replacement senator’s 2 legislative sessions.

4. Each Senate seat, as defined in §322, may only have one Replacement Senator designated via this procedure, RULE XII (3), within the originally elected term of office.

- a. *Clarification of Legislative Intent:* The term “elected term of office” refers to the annual period that senators are elected to serve.

ii. Contingency:

1. If the original Senator resigns from their seat (as per the procedure defined in §340.1(4)) and is replaced with more than two legislative sessions remaining, the Replacement and Agenda Committee can, after legislative sessions, accept candidates under their normal procedure (see RULE XI) to fill the seat for the remainder of the elected term beyond those legislative sessions.
2. If the resigning Senator does not name a replacement (through either non-response or refusal to name one) for the vacant seat within seven (7) academic days following their resignation submission, the Replacement & Agenda Committee shall immediately become responsible for the selection of the replacement as specified in RULE XII (1).

iii. Prohibitions:

1. This procedure shall not be eligible for Senators who resign by non-attendance and non-compliance.
2. Senators who invoke this replacement procedure shall not be eligible to be named a replacement under this procedure until after the conclusion of the term they were originally elected.
3. The replacement individual selected by the resigning Senator cannot have been a candidate who has qualified for office and has been placed on the ballot in the same election the resigning Senator was elected.
 - a. *Clarification of Legislative Intent:* If the intended replacement individual ran in the same election and lost, they cannot be named as a replacement by someone who won.
4. The Replacement Senator's Term shall not exceed the duration of the originally elected term of office of the seat they hold.



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