

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1287

TITLE: Fair Appointment Selection Criteria (FASC) Act

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RULE XI **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

(AMENDED: 2009-100, 2009-104, 2009-121, 2009-140, 2010-122, 2011-114, 2011-116, 2011-130, 2014-106, 2014-111, 2016-117, 2018-114, 2018-121, 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2020-1034, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2022-126, 2023-122, 2023-136, 2023-142, 2023-145, 2023-195)

1. Replacement and Agenda Committee:

- a. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will consist of the following members:
 - i. The Senate President Pro Tempore, as Chair
 - ii. The Senate President
 - iii. The leader of each political party or coalition (see Rule XVII)
 - iv. The Two Senate Members-At-Large
 - v. A member of the Student Body that is appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore as the Replacement and Agenda Committee Clerk, who serves as the taker of minutes, for the Replacement and Agenda Committee, as an ex-officio non-voting, non-speaking member.
 1. Should the chair choose not to fill this position, a committee member will serve as the taker of minutes.
- b. Duties:
 - i. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will prepare the agenda for regular meetings of the Senate in accordance with Rule III §1.
 - ii. The Replacement and Agenda Committee may add special rules to the agenda pertaining to the structure of debate and voting with a two-thirds vote of the committee. The committee may not change the threshold required to approve a nominee or legislation. The Senate may suspend these special rules by a two-thirds vote.
 - iii. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will recommend to the Senate the voting members of the other standing committees. The Senate shall hear these recommendations during the committee's report (See §7 of this Rule).
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 - v. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will recommend to the Senate replacement Senators to fill any vacant seats not handled under Rule XII,

Section 3 of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate. The Senate will hear these recommendations during the committee's report (See Rule XIII).

1. Following a vote by the committee regarding a vacant position not handled under Rule XII, Section 3 of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate, the Replacement and Agenda Committee Chair will notify all applicants within twenty-four (24) hours of the committee's decision.
- vi. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will review the qualifications of all executive nominations that require Senate approval, except for those nominations to the judicial branch, determining if they are eligible to hold said office.
- vii. The chair of the committee 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 committee's activities of that session and offer suggestions to future chairs.

c. Appointment Selection Criteria:

- i. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall establish clear and transparent selection criteria for recommending nominees for Standing Committee Chairs, Standing Committee Seats, and Replacement Senators to fill vacant senate seats. These criteria shall be established following the election of a new Chair of the Replacement and Agenda Committee. These criteria shall include, but not be limited to:
 1. Qualifications including academic standing, leadership experience, and communication skills.
 2. Experience including involvement in community service or advocacy work, participation in campus initiatives or projects, and familiarity with the legislative processes and procedures.
 3. Commitment to serving the student body, including a demonstrated dedication to representing diverse student interests, a track record of advocating for student concerns and addressing campus issues, and willingness to fulfill the responsibilities of serving.
 4. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within the Senate, including teamwork and consensus-building skills, respectful and professional conduct in decision-making, openness to diverse perspectives, willingness to compromise when necessary, and a commitment to uphold the values and goals of the Student Government and Student Senate.
- iii. These selection criteria shall be made publicly available on the Student Government Senate's official website and communicated to all potential candidates applying for Standing Committee and Senate Replacement seats.
- iv. During the interview and deliberation processes, the committee shall evaluate candidates based on these appointment selection criteria and ensure that decisions are made objectively and in the best interest of the student body, regardless of political affiliation.

d.e. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will meet at least once every two school weeks at the time and place determined by the chair, unless there is no business to be heard by the committee, and as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two thirds vote. The Chair may call additional meetings at their leisure.

