

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1430**

**TITLE: Third Readings Clarification Act– Rules and Procedures Revision**

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**SPONSOR(S):**

**RULE XIV  
LEGISLATION**

(AMENDED: 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021-106, 2021-107, 2023-144, 2023-160, 2024-203, 2024-205)

**1. Submitting New Legislation:**

- a. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests must be submitted to the chair of the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation by a Student Senator. If no committee is assigned to hear or is able to hear a piece of legislation, that legislation will be referred to the Replacement and Agenda Committee so that it may be considered for addition to the agenda.
- b. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests may only be authored and sponsored by the following:
  - i. Any Member of the Student Senate
  - ii. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
  - iii. The President-elect, Vice President-elect, and Treasurer-elect of the Student Body
  - iv. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, and Agency Chair, but not authored
  - v. The Supervisor of Elections and any member of the Elections Commission, but not authored
  - vi. The President, Vice President, or any member of the highest leadership of any Student Government-funded organization, but not authored
  - vii. The President, Vice President, or any member of the highest leadership of the Inter-Residence Hall Association and any member of an Area Government, but not authored
  - viii. Any member of a Senatorial Member Organization

- ix. Any member of an Ad-Hoc Committee
- c. No bill of law, resolution, authorizations, or special requests may be authored or sponsored by the following Student Government Officials:
  - i. Senate Parliamentarian
  - ii. Senate Sergeant-at-Arms
  - iii. Senate Secretary
- d. If a committee creates legislation, that committee may directly submit legislation to the Replacement and Agenda Committee for addition to the agenda or may first refer that legislation to the committee normally tasked with hearing that type of legislation.
- e. Legislation not added to the agenda by the Replacement and Agenda Committee may be added to the agenda from the floor with a majority vote if it has not previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate during the same term. Any legislation to be added to the agenda from the floor must be submitted to the Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM the day before the Senate meeting at which the legislation may be added to the agenda. Legislation may not be added to the agenda from the floor unless it has already been reviewed by the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation.
- f. Legislation may not be submitted for referral to a committee if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring. Legislation may not be added to the agenda if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring.
- g. Whenever any legislation particularly affecting one or more student organizations is to be heard by the Senate, the president(s) of the affected organization(s) must be notified by the Chair of the committee assigned to hear that legislation (or their designee) no later than three days prior to the first meeting of the Senate at which the legislation is to be heard. This provision does not apply if the affected organization(s) is bringing the legislation before the Senate.
- h. All outstanding legislation, **including bills under third reading**, at the end of each academic semester and at the Senate meeting when validation of Senate election results occurs each fall and spring will be procedurally withdrawn.
  - i. **Vetoed bills that are received by the Senate President within the final calendar week of a legislative session are not subject to being withdrawn under this procedure.**
  - i. **Vetoed bills shall be considered non-amendable and therefore any amendments wished to be made to a vetoed bill, must be resubmitted to the Judiciary Committee as a new bill under first readings.**
- j. Provisos shall be written under the following guidelines:
  - i. Code Revisions, Primary and Subsidiary Budgets, Authorizations, and Special Request Authorizations shall refer to *Black's Law Dictionary*

definition of a Proviso, alongside other privileges outlined under Rule XIV, Section 1(h)(ii) of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate.

- ii. Resolutions shall be primarily focused on setting conditions which help to properly promote and recognize the influences and figureheads related to the bill in question. This can include but is not limited to: Resolution forwarding to related stakeholders, recognizing non-eligible author/sponsor contributors, and setting standards for posting resolutions on applicable social media applications.

## **2. Written Amendments to Legislation:**

- a. Written amendments to legislation must be submitted to the Senate President and Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Senate at which the amendment is to be heard.
- b. All written amendment that are submitted pursuant to this section will be provided to all Senators before the start of the meeting in which the amendments will be heard.
- c. Written amendments may be submitted and heard by the Senate to amend any legislation that is being considered in first reading, or for legislation currently on the table, so long as that legislation is taken up from the table before the amendment is heard.
- d. Written amendments may not be submitted and heard by the Senate to amend any legislation that is being considered in second readings.
- e. All submitted amendments to legislation shall be labeled with the author(s) of said amendment to legislation.

## **3. Budget Requests:**

- a. The Student Senate authorizes the Budget and Appropriations Committee to hear event, travel, and Student Organization Operational Budget requests from registered student organizations. These requests will not require a bill of law to be approved.
- b. The Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson will make the Student Senate aware of any approved travel, event, and Student Organization Operational Budget requests in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of final approval.
- c. A Student Senator, with signatures from twenty voting members of the Student Senate, reserves the right to file a veto petition for any approved event, travel, or Student Organization Operational Budget, if the Senator believes the request violates a provision of the 800 Codes. The Senator must cite the code being violated in the veto request and must submit the petition to the Senate Secretary no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the Budget and Appropriations Chairperson has made the Student Senate aware of the approved request.
- d. The veto petition will be added to the agenda and be heard under the committee report that approved the request. The veto petition will be debated in accordance with the established procedure for a bill under first readings. The veto petition will require a two-thirds vote of the members of the Student Senate present and voting at a regular meeting to be overturned.



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