

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1712

TITLE: Budgetary Legislative Review Revision Act

AUTHOR(S): Senator Austin Britton, Budget and Appropriations Chairman Damian Rodriguez

SPONSORS:

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)

2. Budget and Appropriations Committee:

- a. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will consist of the following members:
 - i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate (See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be the Committee Chair (See §8 of this Rule).
 - ii. A member of the Student Body that is appointed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair as the Budget and Appropriations Committee Clerk, who serves as the taker of minutes, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, as an ex-officio non-voting, nonspeaking 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 Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate the Activity and Service Fee Budget.
 - ii. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on all student organization operational budgets.
 - iii. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on all student organization event requests.
 - iv. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on all student organization travel requests.
 - v. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will hear and decide on all appeals stemming from decisions of the Travel Grant Sub-Committee.
 - vi. The Budget and Appropriations Committee will examine, amend as needed, and report to the Senate on any requests for line-item budget changes and reserve funds.
 - vii. The Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair will submit into the Senate records all budget requests and other documents submitted to the committee.

- viii. The Budget and Appropriations 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. Review of Legislation:
 - i. Proposed budgetary legislation that is to be reviewed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee will be submitted to the committee no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the committee meeting at which it is scheduled to be heard.
 - ii. The Budget and Appropriations Committee reserves the right to debate, amend and review all budgetary bills. The process of review shall be as follows:
 - 1. Five minutes of presentation from an author or sponsor
 - 2. Five minutes of question-and-answer period
 - 3. Five minutes of debate
 - 4. Two minutes of final privilege
 - iii. Upon a majority vote of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, the process of review may be amended to do any of the following:
 - 1. Extend any portion of the process
 - 2. Allow for an author to speak during debate
 - iv. If a bill is amended by the Budget and Appropriations Committee, any author or sponsor may withdraw their name from the bill. If the bill then has no listed author, the Budget and Appropriations will become the author of said bill.
 - v. The Budget and Appropriations Committee may pass, postpone, table, or fail each bill:
 - 1. Each bill postponed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall be reviewed in the next committee meeting or it will be considered failed.
 - 2. Only the Budget and Appropriations Committee will be sent to the full Senate.
 - vi. Proposed legislation that is to be reviewed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee will be sent to all Senators by the Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair no later than twenty-four (24) hours before the committee meeting at which it is scheduled to be reviewed.