

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1116**

**TITLE: Restoring Replacement Opportunity and Transparency – RULES AND PROCEDURES REVISION**

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**RULE XII**

**VACANCY REPLACEMENTS**

(AMENDED: 2010-122, 2014-106, 2016-120, 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021- 111, 2023-119, 2023-195, 2024-199, 2024-251)

**3. Emergency Senate Replacement Procedure:**

~~a. When a Student Senator formally resigns from their senatorial position per the procedure listed in §340.1(4), they shall have the option to name a replacement to serve in their capacity as a Student Senator. Any Resigned Senator must name their replacement within forty-eight (48) hours of resignation to the Rules and Ethics Chairperson, Senate President, and Senate President Pro Tempore or Acting Chair of the Replacement and Agenda Committee.~~

~~i. The replacement candidate must be named via email correspondence, including contact information for the replacement candidate, pursuant to RULE XII (3)(a) by 11:59PM ET the day prior to the Replacement and Agenda Committee meeting.~~

~~b. The appointment process for any Resigned Senator's replacement candidate will be as follows: three (3) minutes of presentation, three (3) minutes of questions and answers, two rounds of alternating con and pro debate with one (1) minute per round per side, one final round or alternating con and pro debate with two (2) minutes per side, and one minute final privilege. i. In the event that a skeleton agenda must be prepared by the Senate Secretary, A Resigned Senator's replacement candidate will be pursuant to RULE XII (3)(b).~~

~~ii. The replacement candidate may provide a resume to the members of the senate for qualification review. 1. This resume shall be sent by email correspondence to the senate president and senate president pro tempore prior to or during the senate meeting during which they are up for consideration. 2. Any resume submitted shall have all personal information redacted.~~

~~e. If a Resigned Senator's replacement candidate is not able to be physically present at the Senate meeting, they shall be allowed to submit a video or audio presentation following RULE XII (3)(b).~~

~~d. A Resigned Senator's replacement candidate shall be approved by a two thirds vote of the Senators present.~~

~~e. If the Senate chooses not to approve the Resigned Senator's replacement candidate, the vacant seat shall follow the procedure of Standard Vacancies in the Senate outlines in RULE XII(1).~~

**~~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 2/3 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).~~

~~b. If the replacement selected by the resigned Senator is approved at the last meeting of a legislative session, they shall be permitted to attend the next orientation scheduled during the following legislative session.~~

~~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 placement 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 shall be filled within seven (7) academic days following their resignation~~



submission, by the Replacement & Agenda Committee. The Replacement and 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.

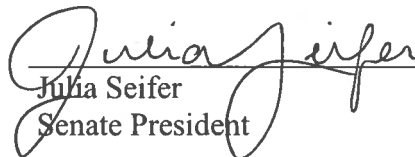
2. Senators who invoke this replacement procedure shall not be eligible to be named a replacement under this procedure until after the conclusion of the term they were originally elected.

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.

*Proviso: All Senators who were appointed through the emergency senate replacement procedure prior to the passage of this bill in first reading shall remain in their seats until the conclusion of the legislative session per RULE XII.*

  
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Date