

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1120

TITLE: Standardizing Committee Reports – RULES AND PROCEDURES REVISION

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RULE V

FLOOR RULES AND PRIVILEGES

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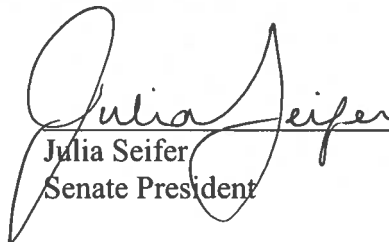
1. The Chair of the Senate:

- a. The President of the Senate will hold the chair of the Senate; or in the Senate President's absence, first the Senate President Pro Tempore, second the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, third the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, fourth the Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee, fifth the Chair of the Information and Communication Committee, and sixth a Senator elected from the body.
- b. The chair will call meetings of the Senate to order. If fifteen minutes have elapsed since the start time proposed in the call for the meeting, any member of the Senate may call the meeting to order and surrender the chair to whomever is first in the above line of succession. If none of these members are present, the Senate will elect a temporary chair from the floor in the same manner as the President of the Senate.
- c. The chair will rule on all points of order and issues of parliamentary law.
- d. The chair will deny the hearing of any dilatory motions and will issue a warning for disruptive conduct to any Senator who has made a dilatory motion.
 - i. A dilatory motion is any motion that seeks to disrupt the business of the Senate, is frivolous or absurd, or contains no rational proposition. The chair does not have to recognize any motion that they hold the independent subjective belief is dilatory.
 - ii. Motions to reconsider a question will be ruled dilatory when the Senate President determines a vote has a clear and convincing majority.
 - iii. This section will also apply to incidental motions including, but not limited to, points of information and parliamentary inquiries.
- e. The Senate may appeal any decision of the chair with a three-fifths vote by a rising vote.

- i. When a decision of the chair on a question of order is appealed, the appeal will be considered non-debatable.
 - ii. Points of order related to responses of parliamentary inquiries, points of information, and decisions of recognition made by the chair may not be appealed.
- f. The Chair shall have the unilateral discretion at any time to recess any regular or special meeting of the Student Senate for a set period of time.
 - i. A Senator may object to the recess and a vote of one-fifth of those present and voting is required to sustain the objection.
 - ii. If the President of the Senate refuses to chair the meeting after an objection has been sustained, then the chair will fall to the next willing member in the line of succession pursuant to § (1)(a) of this Rule.
 - iii. If the chamber is not called back to order within 15 minutes of the time limit for the recess or within 30 minutes after a motion to recess until called back by the chair, then the chair will fall to the next willing member in the line of succession pursuant to § (1)(a) of this Rule.19

2. Floor Privileges:

- a. Senators who are rightfully able to vote will be able to speak in debate on the floor.
- b. The following people or their designees will be allowed as much time before the Senate as is necessary to present items germane to their administrations, and will have a total of five minutes each to yield to other speakers, so long as the presentation remains germane to the administration of the yielding individual.
 - i. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
 - ii. The President-elect, Vice President-elect, and Treasurer-elect of the Student Body
 - iii. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, Executive Secretary, or Agency Head
 - iv. The President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
 - v. Any Justice of the Supreme Court of the Student Body
 - vi. Any University Administrative Officer or Dean.
 - vii. The Senate Parliamentarian
- c. Any committee of the Senate will be ~~allowed as much time before the Senate as is necessary~~ allotted 10 minutes to report on the activities of the committee and to make recommendations to the Senate germane to the purview of the committee.
 - i. If a committee report does not exhaust its full allotted time, the remainder of the time will be automatically yielded to the Chair of the Senate.
- d. Senators who are declared absent during a meeting in accordance with Rule I § (1)(b)(viii) revoke all floor privileges granted under this rule for the remainder of said meeting.


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 Senate President

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