

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1127**

**TITLE: Streamlining Formatting of Rule X: Committees**

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**RULE X  
COMMITTEES**

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2023-152, 2023-190,  
2024-225, 2024-226)

1. Types of Committees of the Student Senate:
  - a. Standing Committees of the Senate will be established by Rule XI of these Rules and Procedures.
  - b. The Senate President may establish Ad-Hoc Committees.
2. Ad-Hoc Committees:
  - a. The Senate President may establish Ad-Hoc Committees, temporary committees of the Senate focused on addressing specific tasks or issues as established in their creation.
    - i. The Senate President will appoint the members and leadership of Ad-Hoc Committees. Membership of Ad-Hoc Committees may include both Senators and members of the Student Body. The Senate may, by a two-thirds vote, remove any member of an Ad-Hoc Committee (see Rule XII § 8 for removal from Standing Committees).
    - ii. The Senate President may discharge any Ad-Hoc Committee of the Senate. The Senate may, by a two-thirds vote, discharge any Ad-Hoc Committee of the Senate.
  - b. The Senate President will be regularly informed of any Ad-Hoc Committee business.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Standing Committees will report verbally at every meeting of the Senate on their activities since they last reported to the Senate. This verbal report from a Chair or their designee - who must be another member of that Standing Committee - will be no more than 10 minutes and germane to the committee's business.
    - i. The Senate may also receive Minority Reports following the regular report of any Standing Committee. Minority Reports may be issued by one or

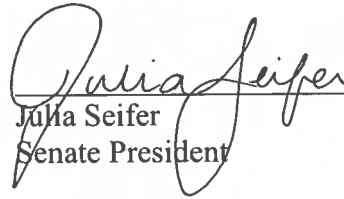
more members of a committee dissenting from the official report of that committee. This verbal report will be no more than 5 minutes and germane to the committee's business.

1. If any Senator should object to the reading of a minority report, the support of one-fifth of those Senators present and voting is required for the report to be entertained.
- b. Ad-Hoc Committees will report verbally at every meeting of the Senate on their activities since they last reported to the Senate. A verbal report from an Ad-Hoc Committee will be no more than 5 minutes and germane to the committee's business.
- c. If any of the aforementioned types of reports do not exhaust its full allotted time, the remainder of the time will be automatically yielded to the Chair of the Senate.

1. ~~Types of Committees:~~

- a. ~~Standing Committees of the Senate will be established by Rule XI of these Rules and Procedures.~~
- b. ~~Standing Committees will report verbally at every meeting of the Senate on their activities since they last reported to the Senate. Standing Committee reports can be sent electronically by a majority vote of the Senate in place of a verbal report. A verbal report from a Chair, Vice Chair, or other member of a Standing Committee will be allotted no more than 10 minutes to speak about items germane to the committee's business per each Standing Committee. A verbal report from a Chair, Vice Chair, or other member of an Ad Hoc Committee will be allotted no more than 5 minutes to speak about items germane to the committee's business, per each Ad Hoc 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.~~
- c. ~~The Senate President may establish ad hoc committees to hear business as established in their creation.~~
  - i. ~~The Senate President will appoint the members and the chair of ad hoc committees.~~
  - ii. ~~The Senate President may discharge any ad hoc committee of the Senate, and must provide a reason for discharging said committee. Examples of reasons to discharge an ad hoc committee include, but are not limited to: malfeasance, nonfeasance, abuse of power. These recommendations may be made upon receiving the findings of any investigations conducted by the Rules & Ethics Committee of the Senate.~~
  - iii. ~~The Senate may, by a simple majority vote, discharge any ad hoc committee of the Senate.~~
  - iv. ~~The Senate President will be kept informed of any ad hoc committee business.~~
- d. ~~Ad hoc committees may report to the Senate once they have completed the task(s) that they were created for.~~
- e. ~~Ad hoc committees may report to the Senate on their current activities and progress as needed.~~

- f. ~~Membership of ad hoc committees may include both Senators and members of the Student Body.~~
2. ~~Authority Over Committees:~~
- a. ~~The Senate may, by a two-thirds vote, remove any member from an ad hoc committee or remove a member as Chair of an ad hoc committee (see Rule XII— §§7 and 8 for removal from Standing Committees).~~
- b. ~~The Senate may also receive minority reports following the regular report of any committee.~~
1. ~~Minority reports may be issued by one or more members of a committee dissenting from the official report of the committee.~~
2. ~~If any Senator should object to the reading of a minority report, the support of one-fifth of those Senators present and voting is required for the report to be entertained.~~
3. ~~Minority reports will be allotted minutes to speak about items germane to the committee's business.~~
4. ~~If a Minority report does not exhaust its full allotted time, the remainder of the time will be automatically yielded to the Chair of the Senate.~~

  
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