

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1151

**TITLE: Voice Vote Redundancy Elimination Act - RULES AND PROCEDURES
REVISIONS**

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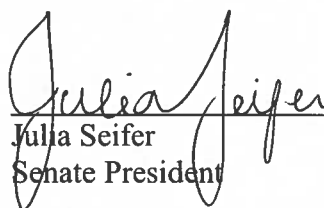
**RULE VII
VOTING**

(AMENDED: 2014-106, 2016-117, 2018-123, 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104,
2023-118, 2023-127, 2023-191, 2024-144, 2024-147, 2024-267, 2025-154, 2025-157, 2025159)

1. Standard Voting Procedure:

- a. Unless otherwise stated, the standard method for all votes will be by rising vote.
 - i. Senators with physical disabilities that prevent them from standing may instead raise their hand to indicate their vote. Senators wishing to use this accommodation must notify the Senate President via email within two weeks of the beginning of their first legislative term.
 1. This accommodation also allows for the individual Senator to be recognized by the Chair of the Senate through raising their hand.
- b. The chair will declare the outcome of all votes.
- c. Whenever a member doubts the result of ~~any vote-voice vote or a vote by electronic clicker~~, either because the result appears close or because they doubt that the representative number of members present have voted, they can call for Division of the Assembly, thereby requiring the vote to be taken again.
 - i. Divisions will be conducted by counted rising vote.
 - ii. Divisions take precedence over any motion on which a vote is being taken or has just been taken. It may be called for from the moment the negative votes have been cast until the announcement of the result is complete, or immediately thereafter before any debate or business has intervened.
 - iii. Divisions can be applied to any motion on which the Senate is called upon to vote by voice or rising (not counted). No subsidiary motion can be applied to it.
 - iv. Divisions do not require a second, are non-debatable and are non-amendable.

- v. Divisions cannot be reconsidered.
- vi. When it is clear that there has been a full vote and there can be no reasonable doubt as to which side is in the majority, a call for Division is dilatory.
- d. No one may cast a vote for another Senator, under pain of penalty as outlined in Chapter 309 of the Student Body Statutes.
- e. ~~Voting records for all Senators shall be collected and maintained automatically by the electronic clicker software.~~ All voting records shall be maintained in the Senate's collection of public records.
- f. No Senator may explain their vote when a vote is taking place. A Senator may only state yes, no, or abstain when voting. If a Senator does not comply with this provision, the Chair of the Senate will issue a warning for disruptive conduct.
- g. No Senator may raise a privileged motion not related to the vote while a vote is taking place.
- h. A Senator has the right to change their vote up until the result is announced.
- i. No Senator may abstain from a vote except in cases wherein voting would present a conflict of interest.
 - i. A conflict of interest exists whenever a Senator stands to gain an individual benefit from the matter being considered.
 - ii. Senators who abstain from voting ~~in a voice vote or a vote by electronic clicker~~ due to a conflict of interest must indicate a reason for the abstention on their voter record by letting the Senate Secretaries know in writing within 24 hours of the end of the Senate meeting. If a reason for abstention is not filed with the Senate Secretaries within this time period, the Senator will have an incomplete voter record and will be given a one-half absence.


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Senate President

7/23/25
Date