

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1155

TITLE: Committee Replacement Reform - RULES AND PROCEDURES REVISION

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RULE XI

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

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6. Assignment to Standing Committees:

- a. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will announce in their report to the Senate all open standing committee seats.
- b. Members of the Senate seeking a committee seat must submit a request for the seat with the Replacement and Agenda Committee no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the meeting at which the interviews will be held.
- c. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will offer an interview to all Senators who have requested open committee seats and will recommend to the Senate the Senator the committee deems best suited for the seat.
- ~~d. The Senate will hear these recommendations individually, unless otherwise agreed to by a two-thirds vote.~~
- e. d. The appointment process for these recommendations will be as follows: three minutes of presentation, three minutes of questions and answers, three rounds of alternating con and pro debate with three minutes per round per side, and two minutes final privilege.
- ~~f. The Senate may, when considering the committee's recommendation, open the floor to nominations with the support of two-fifths of the members present.~~
 - ~~i. If other nominations are made, elections will be held for the committee seat by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote.~~
 - ~~ii. If a nomination from the floor is made, debate will proceed with three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate. If more than one additional floor nomination is made, there will still be three alternating rounds of con/pro for each~~

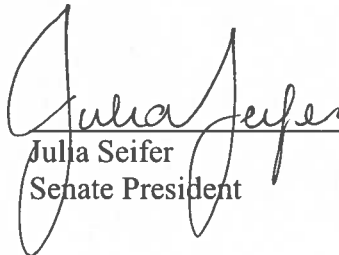
~~candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate.~~

- ~~g. e.~~ If the Senate does not adopt the committee's recommendation, the committee seat will remain vacant. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will announce the vacancy in their report to the Senate. floor will immediately be opened to nominations, and elections will be held for the committee seat by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote.
 - i. Following the calling of the vote and prior to proceeding to the next item on the agenda, a motion to open the floor for nominations for a committee seat may be made with the support of two-fifths of the members present. Once the floor is opened, Replacement and Agenda Committee members Senators may recommend individuals for that committee seat .
 - 1. Each member of the Replacement and Agenda Committee may make a maximum of one recommendation per committee. Senators not on the Replacement and Agenda Committee may not make recommendations. The recommendation shall require a second, and the individual must accept the nomination in order to be considered.
 - 2. The recommended individual must have applied for and participated in an interview for that specific Committee Seat during the most recent meeting of the Replacement and Agenda Committee.
 - 3. If nominations from the floor are made, there will be three minutes of presentation, followed by three total alternating rounds of con/pro with three minutes per side per round, followed by a rising majority vote.
- ~~h. f.~~ Senators may serve on no more than two standing committees as a voting member at the same time.
- ~~i. g.~~ The Senate may remove a member from a standing committee of the Senate in accordance with Rule XIII. Members of the Replacement and Agenda Committee may not be removed in this manner.

7. Chairs of Standing Committees:

- a. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will announce in their report to the Senate all open chair positions of standing committees.
- b. Senators seeking the Chair of a standing committee will submit a request for chair with the Replacement and Agenda Committee no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the meeting at which the interviews will be held. If the Senator is not a member of the standing committee they are seeking to chair, they will also be considered for an open committee seat.
- c. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will interview Senators who have requested to be a chair and will recommend to the Senate the Senator the committee deems best qualified to hold the Chair.
- ~~d. The Senate will hear these recommendations individually, unless otherwise agreed to by unanimous consent.~~
- e. d. The appointment process for these recommendations will be as follows: three minutes of presentation, three minutes of questions and answers, three rounds of alternating con and pro debate with three minutes per round per side, and two minutes final privilege.

- ~~f. The Senate may, when considering the committee's recommendation, open the floor to nominations of other members of the standing committee in question with the support of two-fifths of the members present.~~
- ~~i. If other nominations are made, elections will be held for chair by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote.~~
- ~~ii. If a nomination from the floor is made, debate will proceed with three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate. If more than one additional floor nomination is made, there will still be three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate.~~
- g. e. If the Senate does not adopt the committee's recommendation, the floor will immediately be opened to nominations of other ~~members~~ chair candidates of the standing committee in question. ~~and elections will be held for chair by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote.~~
- i. Each member of the Replacement and Agenda Committee may make a maximum of one recommendation for each open Committee Chair seat. Senators not on the Replacement and Agenda Committee may not make recommendations. The recommendation shall require a second, and the individual must accept the nomination in order to be considered.
- ii. The recommended individual must have applied for and participated in an interview for that specific Committee Chair seat during the most recent meeting of the Replacement and Agenda Committee.
- iii. If nominations from the floor are made, there will be three minutes of presentation from each candidate, followed by three total alternating rounds of con/pro with three minutes per side per round, followed by a rising majority vote.


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