

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1156

TITLE: Vacancy Replacement Reform - RULES AND PROCEDURES REVISION

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RULE XII

VACANCY REPLACEMENT

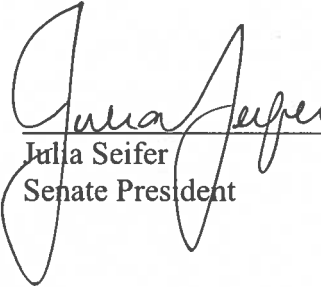
(AMENDED: 2010-122, 2014-106, 2016-120, 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021- 111, 2023-119, 2023-195, 2024-199, 2024-251, 2025-161)

1. Standard Vacancies in Senate:

- a. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Senate, the Replacement and Agenda Committee will announce the vacancy in their report to the Senate, as outlined in Chapter 340 of the Student Body Statutes.
- b. Information regarding Senate vacancies will be made public ~~by the Information and Communication Committee~~ as soon as is possible ~~(see Rule XII §6)~~.
- c. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will offer an interview to all applicants for replacement Senate seats, and may recommend to the Senate the applicant the committee deems best suited for the seat in a fair, objective, unbiased manner as per the appointment selection criteria (see Rule XI §1(c)).
- d. Applicants will submit any documents required by the Replacement and Agenda Committee, including an affidavit affirming ~~to~~ the qualifications of the applicant to hold the seat in question, no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the meeting at which the interviews will be held.
- e. The appointment process for these recommendations will be as follows: three minutes of presentation, three minutes of questions and answers, two rounds of alternating con and pro debate with one minute per round per side, and one-minute final privilege.
- ~~f. The Senate may, when considering the committee's recommendation, open the floor to nominations of the other applicants for the seat in question with the support of the majority of the members present.~~
 - ~~i. If other nominations are made, elections will be held for the Senate seat by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote.~~
 - ~~ii. If a nomination from the floor is made, each nomination along with the committee's recommendation will be allowed 5 minutes of presentation~~

~~followed by 3 minutes of question and answer. 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. f. If the Senate does not adopt the committee's recommendation, the 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.~~


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