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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1198

TITLE: Rules and Procedures Reconstruction Authorization (Volume 8)

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Rule VII

Special Committees

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A. 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.
- b. The Senate President shall appoint the members and leadership of Ad Hoc Committees. Membership of Ad Hoc Committees may include both Senators and members of the Student Body.
- c. The Senate may, by a two-thirds vote, remove any member of an Ad Hoc Committee (see Rule III Section E for removal from Standing Committees).
- d. 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.
- e. Each Ad Hoc Committee shall be discharged upon validation of election results.
- f. Each Ad Hoc Committee shall be discharged upon the completion of the initiative which it was created to accomplish.
- g. If an Ad Hoc committee fails to implement one initiative or produce legislation during a Senate term, the committee shall be discharged.
- h. If an Ad Hoc committee is unable to give a report at a Senate Meeting, it shall be given a warning by the Senate President.

i. If an Ad Hoc committee receives more than 1 warning, it shall be automatically discharged.

B. Joint Committee

- a. The Joint Committee is a committee containing the full membership of both the Rules and Ethics and Judiciary Standing Committees.
- b. The Joint Committee exists to investigate and render decisions on censure resolutions against all applicable Student Government Officials excluding Student Senators.
- c. The Chair of the Rules and Ethics committee shall serve as the Chair of the Joint Committee.
- d. The process for Joint Committee hearings is outlined in Statute 305.

C. Caucuses

- a. <u>Definition: A collection of Senators with a shared legislative interest.</u>
- b. A Caucus may be formed through a letter of intent submitted to the Senate President and Senate Secretary.
- c. All Caucuses must maintain a minimum membership of 10 people to remain active.
- d. If a Caucus fails to implement one initiative or produce legislation during a Senate term, the Caucus shall be discharged and cannot reform until the next legislative term.

Proviso: This authorization shall not go into effect until the third Senate meeting following the validation of the Fall 2025 election results.

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