

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1200

TITLE: Rules and Procedures Reconstruction Authorization (Volume 10)

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Rule IX
Attendance

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A. Quorum

- a. Quorum for regular and special meetings shall be defined as a majority of the total membership of the Student Senate. Quorum is determined by the most recent roll call each meeting.
- b. The roll shall be called at the start of every Senate meeting, as well as for any quorum call or roll call vote.
- c. The Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or their designee) shall conduct roll call during Senate Meetings. If no members of the Rules and Ethics Committee are present for roll call, the Senate President may designate a Senator to call the roll of the Senate.
- d. Any Senator who fails to answer a roll call or quorum call shall receive a one-half absence, with a maximum of one absence being given to a Senator per meeting.
 - i. If a Senator raises a point of order regarding the presence of a quorum, the Chair of the Senate shall instruct the Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee (or their designee) to call the roll.
 1. The Senate President reserves the right to rule these motions dilatory if there are no events noticeably disrupting quorum.
- e. During roll call votes, if the number of Senators present and voting falls below the quorum requirement, the Chair of the Senate shall instruct the Chair of the Rules

and Ethics Committee (or their designee) to conduct roll call. If it is established that there is no quorum, the vote shall be null and void.

- f. Every time the roll is called, it shall be projected so that it may be visible to all at a meeting. This includes at the start of the meeting, after every recess, as well as for any quorum call or roll call vote. A roll call does not have to be projected only if there are issues with technology and all means to remedy the issues have been exhausted.
- g. Voting records shall be used to determine the final roll call of the Senate unless the final roll call is called for by a majority vote.
 - i. A Senator may turn in two incomplete voting records, per respective attendance period, without penalty. The Senator shall receive one-half absence for each incomplete voting record following this.

B. Absences

- a. Student Senators are required to attend Student Senate meetings.
- b. Excuses or penalties from absences are outlined in Chapter 323 of the Student Body Statutes.
- c. If a Senator believes that an absence should be recorded as excused, that Senator must submit an excuse to the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than one week following the absence.
 - i. The recommendation by the Rules and Ethics Committee on whether to excuse an absence shall be heard on the Senate floor under Absences.

C. Constituency

- a. Senators shall complete their constituency requirements as outlined in Chapter 324 of the Student Body Statutes.
- b. Senators must submit proof of completing their constituency to the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than one week following the event.

D. Vacancies

- a. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall announce vacancies in their report to the Senate, as outlined in Chapter 340 of the Student Body Statutes.
- b. Information regarding Senate vacancies shall be made public as soon as possible.
- c. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall 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 in the best interest of the student body, regardless of political affiliation.
 - i. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall establish clear and transparent selection criteria for recommending nominees for Standing Committee Chairs, Standing Committee Seats, and Replacement Senators to fill vacant senate seats. These criteria shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Qualifications including strong academic standing, a proven track record of leadership experience in student organizations, clubs, or

other groups that highlight their ability to manage responsibilities, and communication skills essential for engagement in meaningful dialogue.

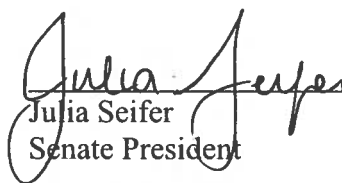
2. Experience including involvement in community service or advocacy work demonstrating a dedication to positively impacting their peers, participation in campus initiatives or projects to engage with the campus community, and familiarity with the legislative processes and procedures including the functions and responsibilities of the Student Senate.
 3. Commitment to serving the student body and their constituency, including a demonstrated dedication to representing diverse student interests, a track record of advocating for student concerns and addressing campus issues, and willingness to fulfill the responsibilities of serving.
 4. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within the Senate, including teamwork and consensus-building skills, respectful and professional conduct in decision-making, openness to diverse perspectives, willingness to compromise when necessary, and a commitment to uphold the values and goals of the Student Government and Student Senate.
- d. Applicants shall submit any documents required by the Replacement and Agenda Committee, including an affidavit affirming 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 shall be held.
 - e. The appointment process for these recommendations shall be as follows: three minutes of presentation from the candidate or Chair of the Replacement and Agenda Committee, 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. If the Senate does not adopt the committee's recommendation, the seat shall remain vacant. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall announce the vacancy in their report to the Senate.

E. Summer Replacements

- a. Senators may appoint a summer replacement to hold their seat for the Summer term(s) or request that the Replacement and Agenda Committee conduct an interview for their summer replacement.
- b. The Senator appointing or requesting a replacement shall submit all necessary forms, including an affidavit affirming the qualifications of the applicant to hold the seat in question.

- c. If a Senator's summer replacement resigns or is expelled from the Senate, the vacancy shall be filled provided that the original Senator shall still regain their seat at the start of the Fall semester (or Summer B).
- d. The Senate must confirm all Summer Replacements in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body.

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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Senate President
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Date