

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, 2025-183)~~

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 as soon as is possible.~~
- ~~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 §(c)).~~
- ~~d. Applicants will 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 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. 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.~~
 - ~~i. Each nomination 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.~~

2. ~~Summer Replacements:~~

- ~~a. Whenever a Senator is not enrolled in classes at the university's main campus in either of the summer terms, that Senator may appoint a summer replacement to hold their seat for the summer term(s) that they will not be enrolled in classes.~~
- ~~b. The Senator retaining a replacement will 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 will be filled pursuant to §1 of this Rule, provided that the original Senator will still regain their seat at the start of the fall semester (or Summer B if the original Senator is not enrolled for Summer A).~~

- d. ~~Whenever a Senator is not enrolled in classes at the university in either of the summer terms, that Senator may, instead of appointing a replacement, request that the Replacement and Agenda Committee interview for a summer replacement as outlined in §1 of this Rule, so long as that Senator submits this request within the same timeline outlined in Chapter 309 of the Student Body Statutes for appointing a replacement.~~
- e. ~~If a Senator chooses to appoint a summer replacement to hold their seat for the summer term(s) that they will not be enrolled in classes, then the Senate must confirm said appointment in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body.~~

RULE XIII

CENSURE, EXPULSION, AND OFFICER REMOVAL

(AMENDED: 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2022-126, 2025-185)

1. ~~Censure:~~

- a. ~~Any Senator may request the censure of another Senator by filing a petition for censure in the form of a written resolution with the Rules and Ethics Committee.~~
 - i. ~~Censure will be a formal statement of disapproval in the form of a resolution that serves as an official warning of the Senate to refrain from similar actions in the future.~~
 - ii. ~~Senators may be censured for repeatedly disrupting the business of the Senate, inappropriate actions during the discharge of statutorily mandated duties, or for violations of Student Body Law.~~
 - iii. ~~The term "censure" does not have to appear in the resolution. A censure does not remove a senator from office nor does it deny a senator his or her rights or privileges.~~
 - iv. ~~The Senate may only hear a censure on the Senate floor if the Rules and Ethics Committee recommends it be heard.~~
- b. ~~Upon receiving a petition for censure, the Rules and Ethics Committee has a maximum of two weeks to investigate and hear the charges as outlined in Rule XI §4(b). The Rules and Ethics Committee may choose to not investigate a petition for censure that is substantially similar to a petition that has already been heard. A petition calling for censure of another Senator must have at least twenty (20) Senators' signatures of support.~~
- c. ~~Any Evidence from the petitioner(s) and respondent(s) must be submitted to the Rules and Ethics Committee email at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.~~
- d. ~~Should a member of the Rules and Ethics Committee be the subject of the petition, they will recuse themselves before any investigation.~~
- e. ~~If the Rules and Ethics Committee recommends censure to the Senate, the Senator subject to censure will be informed by the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than five (5) days before the meeting of the Senate at which the resolution for censure will be heard.~~
 - i. ~~The Senate shall hear the censure at the next regular meeting following the Rules and Ethics Committee's recommendation, provided that the Senator in question has received at least five (5) days' official notice from the time the recommendation is made.~~
- f. ~~The Senator subject to censure, not the author(s) or sponsor(s), will have final privilege when a resolution for censure is being debated in the Senate.~~
- g. ~~A vote of two thirds of the membership of the Senate is required to censure a Senator. If a Senator is censured twice within a one year period, the Rules and Ethics Committee will automatically investigate that Senator and may, at the committee's discretion, submit a resolution calling for that Senator's expulsion to the Senate.~~

2. — ~~Expulsion from the Senate:~~

- ~~a. Any Senator may request the expulsion of another Senator from the Senate by filing a petition in the form of a written resolution calling for expulsion with the Rules and Ethics Committee.
 - ~~i. The Senate may only hear an expulsion on the Senate floor if the Rules and Ethics Committee recommends it be heard.~~~~
- ~~b. Upon receiving a petition calling for expulsion, the Rules and Ethics Committee has a maximum of two weeks to investigate and hear the charges as outlined in Rule XI §4(b). The Rules and Ethics Committee may choose to not investigate a petition calling for expulsion that is substantially similar to a petition that has already been heard. A petition calling for expulsion of another Senator must have at least twenty (20) Senators' signatures of support.~~
- ~~c. Any evidence from the petitioner(s) and respondent(s) must be submitted to the Rules and Ethics Committee email at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.~~
- ~~d. Should a member of the Rules and Ethics Committee be the subject of the petition, they will recuse themselves before any investigation. If the Rules and Ethics Committee recommends expulsion to the Senate, the Senator subject to expulsion will be informed by the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than five (5) days before the meeting of the Senate at which the resolution for expulsion will be heard.~~
- ~~e. The Senator subject to expulsion, not the author(s) or sponsor(s), will have final privilege when a resolution calling for expulsion is being debated in the Senate.~~
- ~~f. A vote of two thirds of the membership of the Senate is required to expel a Senator.~~
- ~~g. The expulsion of a Senator becomes effective immediately after the final announcement of the vote.~~

3. — ~~Removal of Senate Officers and Standing Committee Members:~~

- ~~a. Any Senator may request the removal of a Senate Officer, Standing Committee Chair, or Standing Committee Member from their respective offices by filing a petition in the form of a written resolution with the Rules and Ethics Committee.
 - ~~i. The Senate may only hear a recommendation for removal from an office on the Senate floor if the Rules and Ethics Committee recommends it be heard.~~~~
- ~~b. Upon receiving a petition calling for expulsion, the Rules and Ethics Committee has a maximum of two weeks to investigate and hear the charges as outlined in Rule XI §4(b). The Rules and Ethics Committee may choose to not investigate a petition calling for removal from the aforementioned respective offices that is substantially similar to a petition that has already been heard. A petition calling for the removal from another Senator's office must have at least twenty (20) Senators' signatures of support.~~
- ~~c. Should a member of the Rules and Ethics Committee be the subject of the petition, they will recuse themselves before any investigation~~
- ~~d. Any evidence from the petitioner(s) and respondent(s) must be submitted to the Rules and Ethics Committee email at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.~~
- ~~e. If the Rules and Ethics Committee recommends removal to the Senate, the Officer, Committee Chair, or Committee Member subject to removal will be informed by~~

- ~~the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than five (5) days before the meeting of the Senate at which the resolution for removal will be heard.~~
- ~~f. The Senate Officer, Standing Committee Chair, or Standing Committee Member subject to removal, not the author(s) or sponsor(s), will have final privilege when the resolution calling for removal is being debated in the Senate.~~
 - ~~g. A vote of two thirds of the membership of the Senate is required to remove a Senate Officer, Standing Committee Chair, or Standing Committee Member.~~
 - ~~h. The expulsion of a Senator from their respective position is effective immediately after the final announcement of the vote. In the event that the Senate President, Senate President Pro Tempore, or Senate Member at Large is removed from their respective position, elections as outlined in Rule I may not take place until the following regular meeting.~~
 - ~~i. The following Officers may be removed using this procedure:~~
 - ~~i. Senate President~~
 - ~~ii. Senate President Pro Tempore~~
 - ~~iii. Senate Member At Large~~
 - ~~iv. Senate Parliamentarian~~
 - ~~v. Sergeant at Arms~~
 - ~~vi. All Standing Committee Chairs~~
 - ~~vii. All Standing Committee Members~~

RULE XIV LEGISLATION

(AMENDED: 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021-106, 2021-107, 2023-144, 2023-160, 2024-203, 2024-205, 2024-247, 2024-257, 2024-309, 2025-142)

1. ~~Submitting New Legislation:~~

- a. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests must be submitted to the chair of the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation by a Student Senator. If no committee is assigned to hear or is able to hear a piece of legislation, that legislation will be referred to the Replacement and Agenda Committee so that it may be considered for addition to the agenda.
- b. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests may only be authored and sponsored by the following:
 - i. Any Member of the Student Senate
 - ii. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
 - iii. The President-elect, Vice President-elect, and Treasurer-elect of the Student Body
 - iv. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, and Agency Chair, but not authored
 - v. The Supervisor of Elections and any member of the Elections Commission, but not authored
 - vi. An officer listed in GatorConnect of any Student Government-funded organization, but not authored
 - vii. Any member of a Senatorial Member Organization
 - viii. Any member of an Ad-Hoc Committee
- c. No bill of law, resolution, authorizations, or special requests may be authored or sponsored by the following Student Government Officials:
 - i. Senate Parliamentarian
 - ii. Senate Sergeant-at-Arms
 - iii. Senate Secretary
- d. If a committee creates legislation, that committee may directly submit legislation to the Replacement and Agenda Committee for addition to the agenda or may first refer that legislation to the committee normally tasked with hearing that type of legislation.
- e. Legislation not added to the agenda by the Replacement and Agenda Committee may be added to the agenda from the floor with a majority vote if it has not previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate during the same term. Any legislation to be added to the agenda from the floor must be submitted to the Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM the day before the Senate meeting at which the legislation may be added to the agenda. Legislation may not be added to the agenda from the floor unless it has already been reviewed by the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation.

- ~~f. Legislation may not be submitted for referral to a committee if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring. Legislation may not be added to the agenda if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring.~~
- ~~g. Whenever any legislation particularly affecting one or more student organizations is to be heard by the Senate, the president(s) of the affected organization(s) must be notified by the Chair of the committee assigned to hear that legislation (or their designee) no later than three days prior to the first meeting of the Senate at which the legislation is to be heard. This provision does not apply if the affected organization(s) is bringing the legislation before the Senate.~~
- ~~h. All outstanding legislation, including bills under third reading, at the end of each academic semester and at the Senate meeting when validation of Senate election results occurs each fall and spring will be procedurally withdrawn:

 - ~~i. Vetoed bills that are received by the Senate President within the final calendar week of a legislative session are not subject to being withdrawn under this procedure.~~~~
- ~~i. Vetoed bills shall be considered non-amendable and therefore any amendments wished to be made to a vetoed bill, must be resubmitted to the Judiciary Committee as a new bill under first readings.~~
- ~~j. Provisos shall be written under the following guidelines:

 - ~~i. Code Revisions, Primary and Subsidiary Budgets, Authorizations, and Special Request Authorizations shall refer to *Black's Law Dictionary* definition of a Proviso, alongside other privileges outlined under Rule XIV, Section I(h)(ii) of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate.~~
 - ~~ii. Resolutions shall be primarily focused on setting conditions which help to properly promote and recognize the influences and figureheads related to the bill in question. This can include but is not limited to: Resolution forwarding to related stakeholders, recognizing non-eligible author/sponsor contributors, and setting standards for posting resolutions on applicable social media applications.~~
 - ~~iii. For any individuals or organizations named in a Proviso, relevant contact information, including email addresses, may be submitted to the Senate Secretaries via email prior to the legislation being heard on the Senate floor.~~~~

2. — Written Amendments to Legislation:

- ~~a. Written amendments to legislation must be submitted to the Senate President and Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Senate at which the amendment is to be heard.~~
- ~~b. All written amendment that are submitted pursuant to this section will be provided to all Senators before the start of the meeting in which the amendments will be heard.~~

- c. ~~Written amendments may be submitted and heard by the Senate to amend any legislation that is being considered in first reading, or for legislation currently on the table, so long as that legislation is taken up from the table before the amendment is heard.~~
- d. ~~Written amendments may not be submitted and heard by the Senate to amend any legislation that is being considered in second readings.~~
- e. ~~All submitted amendments to legislation shall be labeled with the author(s) of said amendment to legislation.~~
- f. ~~No Senator may submit more than three written amendments for the same bill. If a Senator submits more than three amendments to the same bill, all amendments submitted by that individual will be ruled dilatory.~~

3. ~~Budget Requests:~~

- a. ~~The Student Senate authorizes the Budget and Appropriations Committee to hear event, travel, and Student Organization Operational Budget requests from registered student organizations. These requests will not require a bill of law to be approved.~~
- b. ~~The Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson will make the Student Senate aware of any approved travel, event, and Student Organization Operational Budget requests in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of final approval.~~
- c. ~~A Student Senator, with signatures from twenty voting members of the Student Senate, reserves the right to file a veto petition for any approved event, travel, or Student Organization Operational Budget, if the Senator believes the request violates a provision of the 800 Codes. The Senator must cite the code being violated in the veto request and must submit the petition to the Senate Secretary no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the Budget and Appropriations Chairperson has made the Student Senate aware of the approved request.~~
- d. ~~The veto petition will be added to the agenda and be heard under the committee report that approved the request. The veto petition will be debated in accordance with the established procedure for a bill under first readings. The veto petition will require a two-thirds vote of the members of the Student Senate present and voting at a regular meeting to be overturned.~~

~~RULE XV~~

~~SENATOR INFORMATION AND VOTING RECORDS~~

~~(AMENDED: 2008-157, 2014-106, 2018-122, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2023-192)~~

~~1. — Senator Information Forms:~~

- ~~a. All Senators will be required to keep an accurate record of their contact information with the Senate Secretaries and Student Government Advising and Operations staff.~~
- ~~b. Included on the information form will be the following information:~~
 - ~~i. The Senator's full legal name~~
 - ~~ii. Senate seat held~~
 - ~~iii. Political party affiliation (see Rule XVII)~~
 - ~~iv. University classification, major and/or specialization and college~~
 - ~~v. Phone number, mailing address, permanent address (if different), and University of Florida email address~~
 - ~~vi. Pronouns (optional)~~
 - ~~vii. Pronunciation of name (optional)~~
- ~~c. The form shall contain an option to consent to publishing information listed within 310.12.~~
- ~~d. Senators must submit updates to their information forms whenever the above listed information changes.~~

~~2. — Voting Records:~~

- ~~a. Senators are required to submit accurate voting records to the Rules and Ethics Committee or Senate Secretary at each meeting of the Senate.~~
- ~~b. The content of these voting records will be placed in a file associated with that Senator in the Senate office and will be considered a matter of public record. The file may be located in a physical storage space or an electronic database accessible on the Student Government website.~~
- ~~c. If a Senator fails to submit a voting record, the Rules and Ethics Committee may give one-half absence to that Senator.~~

RULE XVI SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2016-120, 2019-124)

1.——Membership:

The following Senators will be members of the Senate Executive Board:

- i. The Senate President, as Chair
- ii. The Senate President Pro Tempore
- iii. The chairs of all standing committees

2.——Purpose and Meetings:

- a. The Senate Executive Board will serve as a forum to allow for communication between the standing committees of the Senate and to aid the members in the completion of their duties.
- b. The Senate Executive Board will meet at the Chair's leisure, or as otherwise ordered by the Senate by a two-thirds vote.

RULE XVII

POLITICAL PARTIES

(AMENDED: 2016-120, 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2023-148)

1. Affiliation:

- a. ~~All new Senators must indicate their party affiliation when submitting their information forms to the Senate office.~~
 - i. ~~Replacement Senators must indicate their affiliation in the same manner as any other Senator.~~
- b. ~~Senators may choose to affiliate with any political party that has won a seat in a Student Government election within the past two election cycles or may choose to be recognized as an independent.~~
 - i. ~~If a Senator wishes to affiliate with a political party other than the one they slated with and the political party already has a caucus at the time of affiliation, they must obtain written approval from the party leader of the caucus they would like to affiliate with that shall be sent to the Senate President Pro Tempore.~~
 - 1. ~~If a Summer Replacement Senator wishes to affiliate with a political party other than the affiliation of the Senator they are replacing, they must obtain approval from the party leader of the caucus they seek to affiliate with in the same manner as outlined in Rule XVII (1)(b)(i).~~
 - 2. ~~Permanent Replacement Senators must obtain approval from the party leader of the caucus they seek to affiliate with in the same manner as outlined in Rule XVII (1)(b)(i).~~
- c. ~~Senators may change their affiliation to a political party that has won a seat in a Student Government election within the past two (2) election cycles different than the one they are currently affiliated with once per constituency period in the same manner as outlined in Rule XVII 1(b)(i) by submitting notification in writing to the Senate President, Senate President Pro Tempore, Senate Secretary, or other Senate office staff. Senators may be recognized as an independent at any time.~~

2. Composition of Parties:

- a. ~~Political parties will consist of all of the Senators who have properly indicated their affiliation with that party.~~
- b. ~~Any political party with eight or more members will receive representation on the Replacement and Agenda Committee (see Rule XII §1).~~
- c. ~~Political parties will select their party leaders by signing petitions for party leadership and submitting them to the Senate Secretary and Senate President Pro Tempore in writing. The party member who receives the signatures of a majority of the party will be the party leader.~~
- d. ~~Political parties may choose assistant party leaders in the same manner as a party leader, who will represent the party at the Replacement and Agenda Committee in~~

~~the event of the party leader's absence or in the event of a significant conflict of interest.~~

RULE XVIII PRECEDENCE OF DOCUMENTS

(AMENDED: 2019-124, 2020-1064, 2021-104)

1. ~~Precedence of Documents:~~

- a. ~~The Student Senate will be governed by, in order of precedence, the Constitution of the Student Body, the Statutes of the Student Body, and these Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate. The guiding, but non-binding, authority shall be first the rulings of the Senate President and then the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.~~
- b. ~~The Senate will abide by all applicable state and federal law.~~
- c. ~~If there is a question of procedure not discussed in any of these documents, the chair, with consultation of the Senate Parliamentarian if possible, shall apply principles of justice and general parliamentary law to determine the correct course of action:~~
 - i. ~~The Senate President may put this question before the Senate.~~
 - ii. ~~Any decision made by the chair in this manner may be appealed in the same manner as any other decision of the chair.~~

~~RULE XIX~~ ~~SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENT OF THE RULES~~

(AMENDED 2011-116, 2018-125, 2019-124, 2021-104, 2023-126, 2023-156)

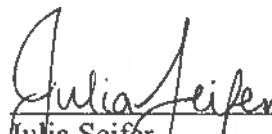
1. — ~~Suspension of the Rules:~~

- a. ~~The provisions within these Rules and Procedures and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised as a parliamentary authority may be suspended by a two-thirds vote at any time that no question is pending.~~
- b. ~~Rules may only be suspended in order to allow a particular course of action, which must be stated in the motion to suspend the rules.~~
- c. ~~The provisions within the following Rules may not be suspended by any means:~~
 - i. ~~Rule I~~
 - ii. ~~Rule III~~
 - iii. ~~Rule IV (except for section 1(b) regarding recesses)~~
 - iv. ~~Rule IX~~
 - v. ~~Rule XII~~
 - vi. ~~Rule XIV~~
 - vii. ~~Rule XV~~
 - viii. ~~Rule XVII~~
 - ix. ~~Rule XVIII~~
 - x. ~~Rule XIX (this Rule)~~

2. — ~~Amendments to the Rules and Procedures:~~

- a. ~~Amendments to these Rules and Procedures will be submitted to the Judiciary Committee and will require a two-thirds vote in the Senate for adoption, and cannot be moved from the floor.~~
- b. ~~Amendments will not take effect until signed by the Senate President or after ten (10) school days of the presentment.~~
- c. ~~The Senate Secretaries shall adjust the Table of Contents after the adoption of any amendments to these Rules and Procedures to correctly reflect the contents and locations of all Rules affected by the amendment. They may also amend the Table of Contents for any existing technical errors at any time.~~

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


Julia Seifer
Senate President

10/8/25
Date