

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2026-1015**

**TITLE: Senate Officer Elections Clarification - RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**AUTHORIZATION**

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**SPONSOR(S): Budget and Appropriations Chairman Marco Salvador**

## **Rule III**

### **Selection and Removal**

(Amended: 2011-116, 2014-106, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021-110, 2022-126, 2023-188, 2023-191, 2023-193, 2024-221, 2025-158, 2025-165, 2025-171, 2025-177, 2025-180, 2025-185, 2025-206, 2025-212)

**A. Senate Officer Elections**

**a. Senate President**

- i. The Senate President shall be elected at the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each Fall and Spring, ~~or whenever the office otherwise becomes vacant.~~ If the office otherwise becomes vacant, a new senator must be elected within two meetings following the vacancy, in accordance with the procedure outlined in Rule III.
- ii. After nominations from the floor have closed, each nominee shall have five minutes to address the body, followed by a five minute question and answer period. The Senate President shall be elected by roll call ballot from all Senators present and voting. A majority of all votes cast shall be required to win the election. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, the Senate shall hold a run-off election between the two candidates that received the greatest number of votes.

**b. Senate President Pro Tempore**

