

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2026-1019**

**TITLE: Retreat Location Clarification- RULES AND PROCEDURES**

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## **Rule VI**

### **Standing Committees**

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**F. Information and Communications Committee**

**a. Membership:**

- i. Information and Communications Committee Chair**
- ii. Information and Communications Committee Vice Chair**
- iii. 7 Members named to the committee.**


**b. Responsibilities:**

- i. The Information and Communication Committee shall organize Senate social events to facilitate unity across the Chamber.**
- ii. The Information and Communication Committee shall be responsible for the Senate's public relations, promoting awareness of Senators, initiatives, committees, and legislation to the public.**
- iii. The Information and Communication Committee shall ensure that information regarding any open Senate seats is posted on the UF Senate Instagram no later than two days before the Replacement and Agenda Committee conducts interviews for any open seats.**
- iv. The Information and Communication Committee shall be responsible for live streaming all Senate meetings from a set location in the Senate Chamber that allows all speakers at the front of the chamber to be audible**



and visible at all times. The Information and Communication Chair, or their designee, shall be responsible for starting and ending the live stream.

1. Access to the Senate live stream shall be linked in a visible place on the official Student Government website and the Student Senate Instagram.
- v. The Information and Communications Committee shall be responsible for releasing an amendable religious holiday calendar at the beginning of each term.
- vi. Orientation Sessions:
1. The Information and Communication Committee must hold an orientation session during the Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters.
  2. The Information and Communication Committee Chair or their designee shall hold an orientation session prior to any new Senator's second regular meeting of the Senate.
  3. These orientations shall be mandatory, and attendance is required for all Senators that have not previously attended an orientation or make up orientation.
- vii. Senate Retreats:
1. The Information and Communication Committee must hold at least one Senate Retreat that awards attending Senators a one-half absence credit on their attendance record per legislative term.
    - a. No more than two retreats may count as a one-half absence credit for Senators in the Fall and Spring legislative terms. No more than one retreat may count as a one-half absence credit for Senators each of in the Summer legislative terms.
  2. Senate retreats should not be held during any university recognized break or holiday if possible.
  - ~~3. The retreat shall not be held in the Senate Chamber and should be held at a location where no formal Senate business occurs if possible.~~

  
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