deadline may be waived at the discretion of the Rules and Ethics Committee only in extenuating circumstances.

323.42 If a Student Senator appeals after having resigned by non-attendance, that Student Senator may be reinstated and up to two (2) absences removed for good cause shown, upon recommendation by two-thirds (2/3) of the Rules and Ethics Committee and majority vote of the Student Senate, provided such Student Senator has not been replaced in accordance with Chapter 340.

323.421 If a Student Senator was excused for a religious holiday during the term they were resigned by non-attendance, the committee will give strong weight to this evidence during an appeal. If the Rules and Ethics Committee approves the appeal, the committee shall expunge one (1) absence from the senator's record.

323.422 Failure to receive a warning letter after reaching two absences during the Fall or Spring term or after reaching one absence in the Summer A or Summer B term shall not be used as an acceptable argument in appeal.

323.43 Any newly elected Student Senator, whether elected for the first time or re-elected to the Student Senate will begin the term of office with "zero" absences.

323.44 The following guidelines shall be used for unacceptable reasons for absences from the regular Student Senate meetings.

a. "Regular meetings of organizations, clubs, committees, etc."

b. Studying or non-University of Florida sponsored review sessions.

c. Out-of-town trips not pertaining to approved Student Senate, Student Government, or University of Florida business, or trips not properly documented for employment interviews (out-of-town trips for reasons of unavoidable personal emergencies may be approved).

d. Regular employment schedules.

e. Regularly scheduled classes.

f. Graduate/Professional School entrance exam preparation courses. This includes but is not limited to LSAT, GMAT, GRE, etc. preparation courses.

323.45 Guidelines to be used for acceptable reasons for absences from the regular Student Senate meetings shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Death in the family

b. Illness

c. Car accidents

d. Acts of God

e. Academic commitments, with proper documentation, this includes, but is not limited to:

i. Exam, with proper authority signature (This includes, but is not limited to, professor, teaching assistant, and academic advisor.) or via course syllabus highlighting the scheduling conflict between the examination and Student Senate meeting.

ii. Graduate fieldwork pertaining to their degree or academic employment.

iii. Academic research conference(s) attendance.

iv. Rehearsals for mandatory college-produced projects pertaining to their degree, that cannot be scheduled by student senators.

f. Religious holiday, with pertinent information about the observance

323.46 The Student Senate reserves the right to determine the validity of all excuses.

323.47 If a Student Senator believes that an absence should be recorded as excused, that Student Senator must submit an excuse no later than seven (7) calendar days following the absence.

323.5 Student Senators shall receive an attendance credit of one half-absence against past or future absences, provided that such Student Senator has not accumulated the number of absences that would constitute resignation by non-attendance:

1. When the Student Senate meets more than one time per week and said Student Senator is present at four (4) attendance roll calls during a week. This shall not exceed one full credit per semester.

2. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall deem a meeting or event deserving of an attendance credit, and must be approved by the 2/3 vote of the Student Senate no less than one week prior to the event or meeting. There will be one half credit per event or meeting, not to exceed one full credit per semester.

323.6 Once a Student Senator has accumulated enough absences to constitute resignation by non-attendance, the Rules and Ethics Committee shall expunge one half-absence from that Student Senator's attendance record for every standing committee for which that Student Senator has attended 80% of meetings held in that term prior to that Student Senator's last absence from a meeting of the Student Senate, even if that Student Senator is not a member of that committee, so long as:

1. In the Fall and Spring terms, that standing committee has met at least eight times in that term prior to that Student Senator's last absence from a meeting of the Student Senate.

2. In the summer terms, that standing committee has met at least three times in that term prior to that Student Senator's last absence from a meeting of the Student Senate.

323.61 Only one half-absence may be expunged from a Student Senator's attendance record through this method per standing committee per term, with a maximum of one absence being expunged from a Student Senator's attendance record through this method per term.

323.7 The Rules & Ethics Committee may recommend to the Student Senate to expunge absences from a Student Senator's record by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

323.8 Absences, attendance credits, and waivers under this Chapter shall apply only during the term in which they accumulate.

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324.1 The timeline for completing constituency requirements shall be as follows:

a. There will be four (4) constituency periods coinciding with the four (4) academic semesters: Fall, Spring, Summer A, and Summer B.

b. Constituency periods shall be defined as follows:

i. The Fall constituency period shall begin on the first day of classes for the Fall academic semester and end upon the adjournment sine die on the date of the last Student Senate meeting of the Fall academic semester.

ii. The Spring constituency period shall begin on the first day of classes for the Spring academic semester and end upon the adjournment sine die on the date of the last Student Senate meeting of the Spring academic semester.

iii. The Summer A constituency period shall begin on the first day of classes for the Summer A academic semester and end upon the adjournment sine die on the date of the final Student Senate meeting of the Summer A academic semester.

iv. The Summer B constituency period shall begin on the first day of classes for the Summer B academic semester and end upon the adjournment sine die on the date of the final Student Senate meeting of the Summer B academic semester.

v. The constituency periods shall be enforced and announced each term by the Rules and Ethics Committee.

vi. Newly-elected Student Senators, upon being sworn in, must complete all constituency requirements for the constituency period in which they were elected.

324.2 In order to fulfill constituency requirements, all Student Senators must complete the following with proper documentation, as defined in 324.23:

1. For Professional School Senators:

a. In the Fall and Spring, Professional School Senators must

i. Attend one (1) meeting of an academic organization related to their respective college, or

ii. Attend one (1) Student Government event, or

iii. Complete one (1) hour of community service per constituency period, or Complete one (1) hour of tabling per constituency period.

b. Any combination of these requirements will be acceptable, so long as a total of three (3) requirements are completed.

c. In Summer A and Summer B, Professional School Senators must complete any two of the requirements listed in 324.2(1)(a).

2. For Graduate Senators:

a. In the Fall and Spring, Graduate Senators must attend

i. Two (2) Graduate student organization meetings or special events, or

ii. Complete one (1) hour of community service per constituency period, or

iii. Complete one (1) hour of tabling per constituency period.

b. Any combination of these requirements will be acceptable, so long as a total of three (3) requirements are completed.

c. In Summer A and Summer B, Graduate Senators must complete any two of the requirements listed in 324.2(2)(a).

3. For College Senators:

a. In the Fall and Spring, College Senators must attend

i. One (1) meeting of an academic organization related to their respective college, or one (1) Student Government event, and

ii. One (1) Student Government-funded event, and

iii. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or

iv. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.

b. In Summer A and Summer B, College Senators must complete two different requirements listed in 324.2(3)(a).

4. For On-campus Senators:

a. In the Fall and Spring, On-campus Senators must attend

i. One (1) IRHA meeting or special event, and

ii. One (1) respective Area Government meeting or special event,

iii. One (1) Student Government event or Student Government- funded event, and

iv. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or

v. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.

b. In Summer A and Summer B, On-campus Senators must complete two different requirements listed in 324.2(3)(a).

5. For Family Housing Senator(s):

a. In the Fall and Spring, Family Housing Senator(s) must attend

i. Two (2) Mayors Council meetings or special events,

ii. One (1) Student Government event or Student Government- funded event, and

iii. Complete one (1) hour of community service per constituency period, or

iv. complete one (1) hour of tabling per constituency period.

b. In Summer A and Summer B, Family Housing Senator(s) must complete two different requirements listed in 325.2(5)(a).

6. For Off-Campus Senators:

a. In the Fall and Spring, Off-Campus Senators must attend

i. One (1) City or County Commission meeting, and

ii. One (1) Student Government-funded organization event (excluding IRHA), and

iii. One (1) Student Government event, and

iv. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or

v. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.

b. In Summer A and Summer B, Off-Campus Senators must complete

two different requirements listed in 326.2(6)(a).

7. For Freshman and Sophomore Senators:

a. In the Fall and Spring, Freshman and Sophomore Senators must attend

i. One (1) meeting of an academic organization related to their respective college.
ii. One (1) Student Government event, and

iii. One (1) Student Government-funded event, and

iv. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or

v. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.

b. In Summer A and Summer B, Freshman and Sophomore Senators must complete two different requirements listed in 327.2(7)(a)

324.21 Legislative Intent: In 324.2(1)(a) and 324.2(2)(a), it is provided that Graduate Senators and senators representing professional schools may complete any combination of the listed requirements. Graduate Senators and senators representing professional schools are the only senators who may fulfill constituency requirements by completing two of the same requirements. The distinction is made, because there may be insufficient opportunities available for Graduate Senators and senators representing professional schools to fulfill each requirement.

324.22 For the purpose of constituency requirements:

1. Student Government-funded organizations are General Registered Student Organizations (GRSOs) that receive funding through the Budget & Appropriations Committee.

2. ACCENT and SGP meetings or special events do not count toward the fulfillment of constituency requirements.

3. Senators can only attend one meeting or special event of a particular organization per constituency period.

4. An SG event is one hosted by, or in partnership with, either the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches of Student Government.

5. All events must be open to the public and may not be an exclusionary meeting of an organization, such as, for example, one solely for executive board members.

6. The Senate Secretary can, upon request, provide a list of all Student Government-funded organizations.