

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2026-1060

TITLE: Authorization to Streamline Constituency References

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Rule IX Attendance and Constituency

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C. Constituency

- a. Senators shall complete their constituency requirements as outlined in Rule IX of the Rules and Procedures.
- b. Senators must submit proof of completing their constituency to the Rules and Ethics Committee no later than seven (7) days following the event.
- c. The timeline for completing constituency requirements shall be as follows:
 - i. There will be four (4) constituency periods coinciding with the four (4) legislative terms: Fall, Spring, Summer A, and Summer B.
- d. Constituency periods shall be defined as follows:
 - i. The Fall constituency period shall begin upon the calling of order of the first Student Senate meeting of the Fall legislative term and end upon the certification of the Spring election results. The Fall constituency period shall pause upon the last day of classes of the Fall academic semester and shall resume upon the first day of classes of the Spring academic semester.
 - ii. The Spring constituency shall begin upon the calling of order of the first Student Senate meeting of the Spring legislative term and end upon the certification of the Fall election results. The Spring constituency period shall pause upon the last day of classes of the Spring academic semester and shall resume upon the first day of classes of the Fall academic semester.
 - iii. The Summer A constituency period shall begin upon the calling of order of the first Student Senate meeting of 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 upon the calling of order of the first Student Senate meeting 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.

- e. In order to fulfill constituency requirements, all Student Senators must complete the following with proper documentation, as defined in 324.23:
- i. For Professional School Senators:
 1. In the Fall and Spring, Professional School Senators must
 - a. Attend one (1) meeting of an academic organization related to their respective college, or
 - b. Attend one (1) Student Government event, or
 - c. Complete one (1) hour of community service per constituency period, or Complete one (1) hour of tabling per constituency period.
 2. Any combination of these requirements will be acceptable, so long as a total of three (3) requirements are completed for the Fall and Spring terms.
 3. Any combination of these requirements will be acceptable, so long as a total of two (2) requirements are completed for the Summer A and B terms.
 - ii. For Graduate Senators:
 1. In the Fall and Spring, Graduate Senators must attend
 - a. Two (2) Graduate student organization meetings or special events, or
 - b. Complete one (1) hour of community service per constituency period, or
 - c. Complete one (1) hour of tabling per constituency period.
 2. Any combination of these requirements will be acceptable, so long as a total of three (3) requirements are completed for the Fall and Spring terms.
 3. Any combination of these requirements will be acceptable, so long as a total of two (2) requirements are completed for the Summer A and B terms.
 - iii. For College Senators:
 1. In the Fall and Spring, College Senators must attend
 - a. One (1) meeting of an academic organization related to their respective college, or one (1) Student Government event, and
 - b. One (1) Student Government-funded event, and
 - c. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or
 - d. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.
 2. In Summer A and Summer B, College Senators must complete ~~two different requirements listed in Rule IX Section C(e)(iii).~~ any combination of two (2) different requirements for each term.
 - iv. For On-campus Senators:
 1. In the Fall and Spring, On-campus Senators must attend
 - a. One (1) IRHA meeting or special event, and
 - b. One (1) respective Area Government meeting or special event,
 - c. One (1) Student Government event or Student Government-funded event, and
 - d. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or

- e. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.
 - 2. In Summer A and Summer B, On-campus Senators must complete ~~two different requirements listed in Rule IX Section C(e)(iv).~~ any combination of two (2) different requirements for each term.
- v. For Family Housing Senator(s):
 - 1. In the Fall and Spring, Family Housing Senator(s) must attend
 - a. Two (2) Mayors Council meetings or special events,
 - b. One (1) Student Government event or Student Government- funded event, and
 - c. Complete one (1) hour of community service per constituency period, or
 - d. Complete one (1) hour of tabling per constituency period.
 - 2. In Summer A and Summer B, Family Housing Senator(s) must complete ~~two different requirements listed in Rule IX Section C(e)(v).~~ any combination of two (2) different requirements for each term.
- vi. For Off-Campus Senators:
 - 1. In the Fall and Spring, Off-Campus Senators must attend
 - a. One (1) City or County Commission meeting, and
 - b. One (1) Student Government-funded organization event (excluding IRHA), and
 - c. One (1) Student Government event, and
 - d. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or
 - e. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.
 - 2. In Summer A and Summer B, Off-Campus Senators must complete ~~two different requirements listed in Rule IX Section C(e)(vi).~~ any combination of two (2) different requirements for each term.
- vii. For Freshman and Sophomore Senators:
 - 1. In the Fall and Spring, Freshman and Sophomore Senators must attend
 - a. One (1) meeting of an academic organization related to their respective college.
 - b. One (1) Student Government event, and
 - c. One (1) Student Government-funded event, and
 - d. Complete two (2) hours of community service per constituency period, or
 - e. Complete two (2) hours of tabling per constituency period.
 - 2. In Summer A and Summer B, Freshman and Sophomore Senators must complete ~~two different requirements listed in Rule IX C(e)(vii).~~ any combination of two (2) different requirements for each term.
- f. Legislative Intent: In Rule IX Section C(e)(i)(2), C(e)(i)(3), C(e)(ii)(2), and C(e)(ii)(3), 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.

- g. For the purpose of constituency requirements:
 - i. Student Government-funded organizations are General Registered Student Organizations (GRSOs) that receive funding through the Budget & Appropriations Committee.
 - ii. ACCENT and SGP meetings or special events do not count toward the fulfillment of constituency requirements.
 - iii. Senators can only attend one meeting or special event of a particular organization per constituency period.
 - iv. An SG event is one hosted by, or in partnership with, either the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches of Student Government.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. The Senate Secretary can, upon request, provide a list of all Student Government-funded organizations.
 - vii. Community service must be done through an official organization or a registered event. Monetary donations do not count toward the community service requirement.
- h. Appropriate documentation for the fulfillment of constituency requirements shall be as follows:
 - i. Student Senators must fill out the constituency requirement form provided by the Rules and Ethics Committee.
 - ii. The constituency requirement form shall be submitted no later than one week following the meeting or special event or any other such requirement.
 - 1. The Rules and Ethics Committee may review the completed constituency requirements at its regular meetings.
- i. The Rules and Ethics Committee reserves the right to verify completion of constituency requirements with the organization's President or with representatives from the City and County Commission, as well as the representatives from the organizational meetings.
- j. Replacement Student Senators shall complete constituency requirements as follows:
 - i. Student Senators appointed prior to the first meeting following the Fall or Spring elections must complete all constituency requirements for that period.
 - ii. At least one (1) constituency requirement will be removed from the total constituency requirements of Student Senators appointed after the first two meetings of the term. The deduction will be calculated by removing one requirement for every two weeks after the first meeting of the term and will be rounded down (i.e., if a Student Senator is appointed after three weeks, it will count as two weeks or if appointed after seven weeks it will count as six weeks.)
- k. Replacement Student Senators appointed in the Summer shall complete constituency requirements as follows:
 - i. All Student Senators appointed during or prior to the fourth week of the Summer A or Summer B term must complete all Summer constituency requirements.

- ii. All Student Senators appointed after the fourth week of the Summer A or Summer B period must complete one (1) point of constituency, excluding Student Senators appointed on the final Student Senate meeting of the period.
- 1. Constituency requirements will be enforced by the Rules and Ethics Committee as follows:
 - i. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall hold a meeting following each constituency period to determine each Student Senator's compliance with constituency requirements (see 324.2.)
 - ii. If the Rules and Ethics Committee should determine that a Student Senator is not fully compliant with constituency requirements from the previous term, that Student Senator shall be placed on probation according to the following procedures:
 - iii. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall hold a meeting within seven (7) calendar days following each constituency period to determine each Student Senator's compliance with constituency requirements (see 324.2.)
 - iv. If the Rules and Ethics Committee should determine that a Student Senator is not fully compliant with the constituency requirements.
 - 1. A majority vote of the Rules and Ethics Committee should determine that a Student Senator is not fully compliant with her or his constituency requirements.
 - 2. Immediately following a determination of noncompliance, the Rules and Ethics Chair and the Senate Secretary shall serve the Student Senator through an e-mail notification of probationary status and the requirements thereof.
 - 3. A copy of this notification shall be on file in the office of the Senate Secretary.
 - v. All terms of probation must be sufficiently completed within the first fifteen (15) school days of the first Student Senate meeting of the subsequent constituency period within which the Student Senator is acting in the role.
 - vi. The terms of probation shall be as follows:
 - 1. Complete the remaining requirements for the constituency group, which shall be in addition to, and not counted towards, the statutorily prescribed constituency requirements.
 - 2. Complete one additional event concurrent with the Student Senator's constituency group.
 - vii. If the Rules and Ethics Committee shall determine that a Student Senator is not in compliance with the terms of probation after the constituency probation period ends, that Student Senator shall be considered to have failed probation. Failure of probation shall constitute resignation by noncompliance.
 - viii. Upon resignation by non-compliance of a Student Senator, the Rules and Ethics Chairperson shall send an email to notify the Student Senator of their resignation. The Rules and Ethics Chairperson shall notify the Senate President Pro Tempore before the next regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting.
 - ix. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall hear appeals from this chapter.
 - x. If a Student Senator wishes to submit an appeal of their resignation by noncompliance, the Student Senator must do so within seven (7) calendar days of postmark to the Rules and Ethics Chairperson via

email. Provided the Seat has not been filled, this deadline may be waived at the discretion of the Rules and Ethics Committee only in extenuating circumstances.

- xi. If a Student Senator appeals after having resigned by non-compliance, that Student Senator may be reinstated 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 Chapters 325 and 340 of the Student Body Statutes.
- xii. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall be responsible for posting an update of the fulfillment of constituency requirements monthly and must communicate the status of constituency requirements to the Student Senate at least once a month, during the weekly Rules and Ethics Chair report.
- xiii. If unforeseen circumstances arise, the Rules and Ethics Committee may grant exceptions to these requirements as approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting of the subsequent Rules and Ethics Committee meeting.