STUDENT SENATE BILL 2026-1111

TITLE: Replacement and Agenda Committee Party Representation Clarification – RULES AND PROCEDURES AUTHORIZATION

AUTHOR(S): Senator Matthew Rowe

SPONSORS:

Rule VI

Standing Committees

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B. Replacement and Agenda Committee

a. Membership:

i. The Senate President Pro Tempore, as Chair
ii. The Senate President
iii. The leader of every political party with eight or more members in the Student Senate
iv. The Two Senate Members At Large

b. Responsibilities:

i. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall prepare the agenda for regular meetings of the Senate

ii. The Replacement and Agenda Committee may add special rules to the agenda pertaining to the structure of debate and voting with a two-thirds vote of the committee.

1. The committee may not change the threshold required to approve a nominee or legislation.

iii. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall nominate individuals to fill all Senate Vacancies, Committee Vacancies, and Committee Chair Vacancies.

1. Individuals who applied for any Senate Vacancies must be notified of the committee's decision within 24 hours.

2. Committee members may abstain during voting on these nominations by indicating their abstention to the chair prior to the vote if there is a conflict of interest.

3. Should a committee member interview for a committee seat, they may not nominate themselves or any other candidates for that committee.

iv. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall review the qualifications of all Executive and Judicial branch nominations that require Senate approval.

v. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall offer an interview to all applicants for Senate Vacancies, Summer Vacancies, Committee Vacancies, and Committee Chair Vacancies.

vi. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will also offer students the ability to submit application materials, including a resume, to be considered during the decision making process.

vii. The Replacement and Agenda Committee will evaluate all applicants in a fair, unbiased manner to nominate the most qualified individuals to fill respective senate vacancies.