

Student Senate

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STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-123

TITLE: Resolution Amending Rule VII of the Student Senate Rules and Procedures

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RULE VII VOTING

(AMENDED: 2014-106, 2016-117)

1. Standard Voting Procedure:

- a. Unless otherwise stated, the standard method for all votes requiring a majority shall will be by voice, and the method for all votes requiring two-thirds or the one-fifth of the body shall will be done by rising (not counted) vote.
- b. The chair shall declare the outcome of all votes.
- c. Divisions shall be conducted by counted rising vote.
- d. No one may cast a vote for another Senator, under pain of penalty as outlined in Chapter 309 of the Student Body Statutes.
- e. Senators shall indicate how they voted on all main motions on voting records to be kept in the Senate's collection of public records.
- f. No Senator may abstain from a vote except in cases wherein voting would present a conflict of interest.
 - i. A conflict of interest exists whenever a Senator stands to gain an individual benefit from the matter being considered.
 - ii. Senators who abstain from voting in a voice vote due to a conflict of interest shall indicate a reason for the abstention on the vote record, and upon conclusion of the vote, rise and state the reason for the abstention.
- g. The chair shall is not be required to vote except in the event of a roll call vote where his/her vote would affect the result.
- h. The following types of legislation will be subject to the number of readings as listed below.
 - i. Bills that require one reading:
 - a. An Authorization

- b. A Line Item Transfer
- c. A Referendum d. A Resolution
- d. A Rules and Procedures Change
- e. A Special Request
- ii. Bills that require two readings:
 - a. A Constitutional Amendment
 - b. A Reserve Transfer
 - c. A Statute Change
 - d. A Student Body Initiative
 - e. A Student Body Law
- iii. Bills that require three readings:
 - a. A Vetoed Bill
- i. Unless stated otherwise, the standard method for hearing the Activity and Service Fee Budget shall will be as follows:
 - i. The Activity and Service Fee Budget must be presented to the Student Senate no less than six days prior to first readings.
 - ii. The Activity and Service Fee Budget must be passed through two readings. If the budget is amended, the amended budget must pass through two readings with identical form.
- j. The proposed Student Government Funded Organizational Budget and the proposed Student Government Funded Academics Budget shall be submitted to the Student Senate for review at least six calendar days before consideration as a first reading. Amendments to the legislation must be submitted in writing to the Student Senate Secretary no later than six calendar days after the affected legislation has been submitted to the Senate. After this date, amendments to the bill of legislation may not be adopted; however, amendments to the amendments may be made from the Senate floor.

2. Roll Call Votes:

- a. When not otherwise called for, a roll call vote may be ordered by one-fifth of the Senators present and voting at any time before the next question is spoken on.
- b. When not-otherwise called for, a-roll call ballot may-be ordered by a majority vote at any time before the next question is spoken on.
- c. The roll call shall will be conducted in accordance with Rule IV §1.
- d. Senators may abstain from voting in the roll call vote in cases of conflict of interest as described above.
 - i. When the Senator wishing to abstain has his/her name called, he/she shall explain the reason for the abstention to the Senate for consideration.
 - ii. The Senator abstaining shall write the reason for abstention on his/her voting record.
- e. Roll call votes and ballots shall will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, indicating how each Senator present voted.

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6/19/2018 Date

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