

## STUDENT SENATE BILL 2009-1018

**TITLE:** Standing Committee Attendance Resolution

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**RESOLVED**, that the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate be amended as follows:  
Amend Rule XI §9 as follows:

### **9. Standing Committee Attendance:**

a. Upon accumulating one ~~two~~ unexcused absences from committee meetings in the fall or spring semesters, or one absence in either of the summer terms, the Rules and Ethics Committee shall notify a Senator that if another unexcused absence from that committee is added to his/her attendance record, he/she will resign from that committee by non-attendance.

b. Upon accumulating two ~~three~~ unexcused absences from committee meetings in the fall or spring semesters, or two absences in either of the summer terms, a committee member shall resign from that committee by non-attendance.

c. Committee Chairs are responsible for reporting absences as excused or unexcused to the Rules and Ethics Committee.

i.. For an absence to be excused, committee members must submit their excuse in writing to their committee Chair no later than one week following the absence in question. Committee Chairs shall include these written excuses in their attendance submission to the Rules and Ethics Committee.

ii. Reasons for absences to be excused include, but are not limited to, exams, death in the immediate family, severe illness, or other extenuating circumstances as determined by the committee Chair.

iii. Committee members may appeal the committee Chair's decision regarding absence excuses to the Rules and Ethics Committee.

d. The *ex officio* members on the Replacement and Agenda Committee (Senate President, Senate President Pro Tempore, party and coalition leaders, and the Chairs of the other standing committees) cannot resign from the Replacement and Agenda Committee by non-attendance.

e. Non-voting members serving as liaisons between committees (see §2-4 of this Rule) shall be kept to the same attendance standards as regular members of the committee.

i. When a non-voting liaison member resigns by non-attendance from a host committee, the committee Chair who appointed this member shall appoint another liaison in his/her place.

ii. Resigning from a host committee shall not affect a member's status in the standing committee in which he/she has voting rights.