

**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-121**

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

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**RULE XI  
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE  
SENATE**

(AMENDED: 2009-100, 2009-104, 2009-121, 2009-140, 2010-122, 2011-114, 2011-116, 2011-130, 2014-106, 2014-111, 2016-117)

**1. Replacement and Agenda Committee:**

b. Duties:

- iv. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall recommend to the Senate the voting members of the other standing committees. The Senate shall hear these recommendations during the committee's report (see §8 of this Rule).

**2. Budget and Appropriations Committee:**

- a. The Budget and Appropriations Committee shall consist of the following members:

- i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate(See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be the Committee Chair (See §8 of this Rule),

**3. Allocations Committee:**

- a. The Allocations Committee shall consist of the following members:

- i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate (See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be the Committee Chair(See §8 of this Rule),

**4. Judiciary Committee:**

- a. The Judiciary Committee shall consist of the following members:

- i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate (See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be the Committee Chair(See §8 of this Rule),

**5. Rules and Ethics Committee:**

- a. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall consist of the following members:
  - i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate (See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be the Committee Chair (See §8 of this Rule).

**6. Information and Communication Committee:**

- a. The Information and Communication Committee shall consist of the following members:
  - i. Nine Senators named to the committee by the Senate (See §7 of this Rule), one of which will be the Committee Chair (See §8 of this Rule).

**2. Assignment to Standing Committees:**

- d. The Senate shall hear these recommendations individually, unless otherwise agreed to by ~~unanimous consent~~ a two-thirds vote.

**3. Chairs of Standing Committees:**

- a. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall announce in their report to the Senate all open chair positions of standing committees.
- b. Senators seeking the Chair of a standing committee shall submit a request for chair with the Replacement and Agenda Committee no later than 12:00 PM ET, two days before the meeting at which the interviews will be held.
- c. The Replacement and Agenda Committee shall interview Senators who have requested to be a chair, and shall recommend to the Senate the Senator the committee deems best qualified to hold the Chair.
- d. The Senate shall hear these recommendations individually, unless otherwise agreed to by unanimous consent.
- e. The appointment process for these recommendations shall be as follows: three minutes of presentation, three minutes of questions and answers, three rounds of alternating con and pro debate with three minutes per round per side, and two minutes final privilege.
- f. The Senate may, when considering the committee's recommendation, open the floor to nominations of other members of the standing committee in question with the support of two-fifths of the members present.
  - i. If other nominations are made, elections shall be held for chair by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote ~~or ballot~~.
  - ii. If a nomination from the floor is made, debate shall proceed with three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate. If more than one additional floor nomination is made, there shall still be three alternating rounds of con/pro for each candidate, each to be one minute in length, followed by one round of two minutes per candidate.
- g. If the Senate does not adopt the committee's recommendation, the floor shall immediately be opened to nominations of other members of the standing

committee in question, and elections shall be held for chair by rising vote, unless ordered to be by a roll call vote ~~or ballot~~.

- h. The chair of a standing committee is not permitted to be a member of any other standing Senate committee. ~~A Senator may only be the chair of one standing committee of the Senate.~~
- i. The Senate may remove a Senator as chair of a standing committee with a two-thirds vote. The Chair of the Replacement and Agenda Committee may not be removed in this manner.
- j. The chair of each committee shall rule absences from committee meetings as being either excused or unexcused and file attendance records with the Rules and Ethics Committee (see §9 of this Rule).
- k. Each committee chair shall be responsible for appointing a committee clerk who shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the committee, placing the finalized minutes in the respective committee file, and submitting a copy to the Senate Secretary, Senate President, and Senate President Pro Tempore before the following week's Senate meeting. In the event that the clerk is absent, the committee chair will designate a temporary clerk.
- l. The chair shall appoint a vice-chair, who shall carry out the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.
- m. In the Replacement and Agenda Committee, only a member-at-large may be the Vice-Chair.
- n. If the chair and vice-chair are not present at a meeting of a standing committee, the committee shall elect a temporary chair from among its membership.
- o. The Senate President may not act as the chair of any committee of the Senate, except for the Senate Executive Board.
- p. ~~The chair of each standing committee shall become vacant at the first meeting of the new Senate term following the election of the Senate President and Senate President Pro Tempore.~~ At the first meeting of the new Senate term, following the election of the Senate President and Senate President Pro Tempore, the chair of each standing committee must vacate their chair and committee seat.

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