

## **SENATE RULE 2: STANDING COMMITTEES, AD HOC COMMITTEES, AND CAUCUSES**

### **2.01 Standing Committees**

- A. At the first meeting of the Student Body Senate following the completion of Senate Elections, the Student Body Senate shall recognize the following standing committees
  - 1. The Conference, Registration, and Travel (CRT) Committee.
  - 2. The Elections and Appointments (E&A) Committee.
  - 3. The Financial Allocations for Organizations (FAO) Committee.
  - 4. The Government Affairs and Policy (GAP) Committee;
  - 5. The Legislative, Judicial, and Rules (LJR) Committee.
  - 6. The Operations Review and Sanctions (ORS) Committee.
  - 7. The Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee.

### **2.02 Creation of Ad Hoc Committees**

- B. A Student Body Senator may call for the creation of an Ad Hoc committee.
  - 1. The Ad Hoc committee shall be instated after
    - a. Proposing a Resolution including;
      - i. The reasons for the committee's creation.
      - ii. The duties and responsibilities of the committee.
      - iii. The date upon which the jurisdiction of the committee shall expire;
      - iv. The number of committee members and how the members shall be selected.
    - b. Passing the Resolution by a majority vote of the Student Body Senate.
    - c. Signing the Resolution by the Senate President and President Pro Tempore.
  - 2. The Student Body Senate may dissolve an Ad Hoc committee, at any time, by a majority vote of the Student Body Senate.
  - 3. The committee members shall elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc committee unless specified otherwise by the proposed Resolution.

### **2.03 Caucuses**

- A. At the first meeting of the Student Body Senate following the completion of Senate Elections, the Student Body Senate shall recognize the following Caucuses
  - 1. Asian/Pacific Islander Caucus
  - 2. Black Caucus
  - 3. Disability Caucus
  - 4. Latin/Hispanic Caucus
  - 5. LGBTQ+ Caucus
  - 6. Women's Caucus

### **2.04 Duties and Responsibilities of Standing Committees**

- A. The CRT Committee Shall
  - 1. Debate, amend, and pass measures pertaining to the Registration and Travel account and Title VIII Appendix A: The CRT Spending Policy.

2. Comply with all provisions stated in Title VIII: The Finance Code of the Student Body Statutes.
  3. Review Title VIII Appendix A: The CRT Spending Policy and suggest amendments by means of Bills introduced by any Student Body Senator.
- B. The E&A Committee shall
1. Debate, amend, and pass measures pertaining to elections, the Elections Statutes, Title III Chapter 302: Apportionment of the Student Body Senate, and Title III Chapter 306: Student Senate Confirmations of Presidential Appointments.
  2. Recommend, to the Student Body Senate, favorable or unfavorable approval of appointments to the office.
  3. Review the Election Statutes and suggest amendments by means of Bills introduced by any Student Body Senator.
- C. The FAO Committee shall
1. Debate, amend, and pass measures pertaining to fiscal matters regarding the Senate Working Fund and Title VIII Appendix B: The FAO Spending Policy.
  2. Comply with all provisions stated in Title VIII: The Finance Code of the Student Body Statutes.
  3. Review Title VIII Appendix B: The FAO Spending Policy and suggest amendments by means of Bills introduced by any Student Body Senator.
- D. The GAP Committee Shall
1. Debate, amend, and pass measures pertaining to local, state, or federal government affairs and measures pertaining to topics related to our annual Legislative Priorities.
  2. Review all state, local and federal legislation that may affect the student body.
  3. Review all Board of Governors policies, regulations, and resolutions that may affect the student body.
  4. Facilitate relations between the student body and their state and local government representatives to create awareness of any student issue.
  5. Participate in various activities to increase on-campus political engagement and open discussion with local and state elected officials.
  6. Serve as a non-partisan research group for the student body and inform students on legislation that may affect them, as well as avenues to advocate for both sides of the legislation.
  7. Introduce a Resolution(s) that establishes the Legislative Priorities of the Student Government following the Senate Election, but no later than thirty (30) days prior to the state of Florida's legislative session.
- E. The LJR Committee shall
1. Debate, amend, and pass measures pertaining to the Constitution, Statutes, and Senate Rules, excluding sections that are under the jurisdiction of other standing committees.
  2. Review the Constitution, Statutes, and Senate Rules and suggest amendments by means of Bills or Resolutions introduced by any Student Body Senator.
  3. Maintain an updated version of the Constitution, Statutes, and Senate Rules.
  4. Conduct a preliminary review once an affidavit for impeachment has been filed against any Student Government Agent and decide whether to dismiss the charge or move the affidavit to the Student Body Senate floor.

5. Be responsible for hearing and ruling on all Student Body Senator Absences submitted in accordance with *Senate Rule 7: Student Senator Absences*.
- F. The ORS Committee shall
1. Hear, investigate, resolve, and/or make recommendations regarding concerns related to any operation funded through the Registration and Travel & Senate Working Fund accounts.
  2. Distribute and collect post-event and post-funding forms from Registered Student Organizations and individuals funded through the accounts of the Student Body Senate.
  3. Debate, amend, and pass measures pertaining to Title VIII: The Finance Code section of the Student Body Statutes and Title VIII Appendix C: The ORS Fiscal Probation Policy.
  4. Review Title VIII: The Finance Code of the Student Body Statutes and suggest amendments by means of Bills introduced by any Student Body Senator and Title VIII Appendix C: The ORS Fiscal Probation Policy and suggest amendment by means of Bills introduced by any Student Body Senator.
  5. Assess events funded by all Student Body Senate accounts.
  6. Forward all findings to the Comptroller, the Student Body Senate, and A&SF Budget Committee.
  7. Comply with all provisions stated in Title VIII: The Finance Code of the Student Body Statutes.
- G. The SBA Committee shall
1. Debate, amend, and pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs.
  2. Maintain a form of outreach to students regularly to learn what issues the student body has on and off campus and be in constant review of those issues.
  3. Review of student affairs and matters including, but not limited to, educational, environmental, economic, transportation, health, and safety concerns on and beyond the University of Central Florida campuses that affects the students at the University of Central Florida.
  4. Review all University policies, regulations, and resolutions that may affect the student body.

## 2.05 Duties and Powers of Caucuses

- A. Caucuses shall
1. Sponsor measures to address issues that are unique to the population of students they identify with them.
    - a. These measures may be debated but not amended within the caucus meetings.
  2. Serve as an avenue for populations of students identifying with a Caucus to share issues that uniquely affect them.
  3. Preserve and advance relationships with Registered Student Organizations catered to students of specific identities to better those students' academic and collegiate experiences.
  4. Be in constant review of university policies and regulations that affect the population of students that identify with them.
  5. Provide a specific open forum to give students and RSO's the opportunity to address the Caucus during meetings.

**2.06 Membership of Committees**

- A. Any committee member may resign at any time by submitting a written resignation to the Committee Chair or the Senate President.
- B. The Senate President may remove a committee member from any committee with the written concurrence of the Senate Executive Committee which may be overturned by a majority vote of the Student Body Senate.
- C. The Senate President may remove a committee member from any committee upon the verbal concurrence of the committee member at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Student Body Senate during the miscellaneous business.
- D. Any Student Body Senator who goes without sitting on at least one (1) Senate Standing or Ad Hoc committee for two (2) consecutive weeks, without previous approval of the Student Body Senate, shall be considered resigned from the Student Body Senate.
- E. No Student Body Senator shall serve as a member of more than two (2) Standing committees and two (2) Ad Hoc committees at any one time, except for the Senate President Pro Tempore or the appointed Deputies Pro Tempore.
- F. No Student Body Senator shall be the Chair of more than one (1) Standing committee or one (1) Ad Hoc committee at the same time.

**2.07 Membership of Caucuses**

- A. Any Student Government Agent who identifies with the mission of a Caucus.
  - 1. No Student Government Agent shall be barred from membership.
- B. Any Caucus member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Caucus Chair or the Senate President.
- C. The Senate President may remove a caucus member from any caucus upon verbal concurrence of the caucus member at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Student Body Senate during the miscellaneous business.
- D. No Student Government Agent shall be required to be a member of a Caucus.
- E. Only Senators can serve as Chairs or Vice Chairs.
- F. No Senator shall serve as Chair of more than (1) Caucus.
- G. Three (3) ex-officio members' seats
  - 1. One (1) permanent ex-officio member seat is to be filled by a Registered Student Organization that serves as an overarching group of RSOs representing student populations of an identity that correlates with the Caucus.
    - a. The Caucus may appoint a new permanent member if that RSO disbands, or another overarching RSO emerges, with a 2/3 vote.
  - 2. Two (2) non-permanent ex-officio shall be filled by RSOs for terms coinciding with the Senate Session. In relation to a Caucus's List of Applicable Registered Student Organizations:
    - a. If there are three (3) or fewer RSOs that represent students of a specific identity, those RSOs that represent students of a specific identity, those RSOs can serve one (1) year-long consecutive terms.
    - b. If there are four (4) RSOs that represent students of a specific identity, non-permanent ex-officio members will serve staggered two (2) year non-consecutive terms.

- c. If there are five (5) or more RSOs that represent a specific identity, non-permanent ex-officio members shall not serve consecutive terms.
3. Caucus ex-officio membership shall not count against quorum; however, it shall count for it.
4. All ex-officio caucus members shall have full debating and voting privileges.
5. Ex-officio members shall be permitted to fulfill their entire term in accordance with guidelines in effect at the time of their most recent election.

#### **2.08 Reference of Measures to Committee**

- A. The Chair shall refer all measures to the appropriate Standing or Ad Hoc committee(s), with only one (1) having amending jurisdiction.
- B. Should a Student Body Senator desire to have a measure referred to a particular committee, the Student Body Senator may move to do so; in which the motion must be passed by a majority vote.
- C. A reference shall be in effect when the Chair announces the fact at a Student Body Senate Meeting and when it is recorded in the meeting minutes.

#### **2.09 Procedure in Committee Meetings**

- A. Measures that are given notice of introduction or that originated in committee with majority approval of the committee shall be acted upon at a committee meeting.
- B. Measures shall be released from the committee after a holding period of two (2) weeks unless the committee votes favorably to retain said measure in committee.
  1. For the measure to be held in committee, the Committee Chair shall report the retention of a measure to the Senate President before the Student Body Senate convenes.
  2. Failure to report to the Senate President will result in the measure being placed on Second Reading.
  3. The Student Body Senate can override the retention of a measure with a majority vote of the members present and voting.
- C. No committee shall meet during the hours of a Senate Meeting, without special leave, as determined by the Senate President Pro Tempore or by a majority vote of the Student Body Senate.
- D. No two (2) committees shall sit at the same time, without the prior consent of the Senate Executive Committee.

#### **2.10 Presentation of Committee and Caucus Reports**

The Committee and Caucus Chair, or a representative shall present a report of the Committee or Caucus recommendations, final vote counts on measures, and pertinent discussion during Senate Meetings according to the agenda.

#### **2.11 Elected and Appointed Leadership**

- A. The committee members of each recognized standing committee shall elect the Chair and Vice Chair of that standing committee.
  - a. The Legislative, Judicial, and Rules Committee shall elect their SBA, GAP, and E&A Representatives according to Title III.

- b. The Operations Review and Sanctions Committee shall elect their CRT and FAO Representatives according to Title III.
- B. The caucus members of each recognized caucus shall elect the Chair and Vice Chair of that caucus.
- C. The committee members of each Ad Hoc committee shall elect the Chair and Vice Chair of that Ad Hoc Committee unless specified otherwise by the proposed Resolution.
- D. The Legislative Assistants and Deputies Pro Tempore shall be appointed and confirmed by the Student Body Senate according to Title III.

**HISTORY:**

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