

SENATE RULE 1: MISSION STATEMENT & VALUES

1.01 Mission Statement

- A. To be representatives and advocates of the student body committed to the needs of the university by facilitating change and shaping university policy surrounding the financial, social, and cultural needs of the university community.

1.02 Declaration of Values

- A. Commitment
 - 1. Senators are to show commitment to the needs and best interests of the student body, striving to put forth strength, passion, and effort for the needs of the campus.
- B. Unity
 - 1. Senators are to emphasize the strength of teamwork, uplifting other Senators, members of Student Government, and the student body as a whole to work towards a common good.
- C. Respect
 - 1. Senators are to demonstrate consideration for every campus community member, respecting students, staff, faculty, and administrators.
 - 2. Senators are to demonstrate support and respect for the community differences in religion, gender, sexuality, race, national origin, age, or disability.

1.03 Code of Impartiality and Neutrality

- A. Student Government Senators should strive to maintain impartiality and neutrality when acting in their official capacity, including, but not limited to, Senate business, Senate committee activities, and any other related legislative or organizational matters. Recognizing that not all Senate actions equally demand neutrality, Senators are encouraged to exercise professional judgment in determining when impartiality is most essential.
- B. Senators should strive to avoid, when acting as Senators, by words or conduct, exhibiting bias or prejudice, including but not limited to bias or prejudice based upon race, gender, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status.

1.04 Amendments and Revisions

- A. This Rule shall be reviewed, amended, or revised at the beginning of each new Senate session to reflect evolving standards, student body needs, or to address practical concerns encountered during the previous session.
- B. Proposed changes must undergo the standard legislative procedure, including introduction, committee review, and approval by majority vote during a Senate meeting.
- C. Any revisions or amendments adopted shall immediately replace and supersede prior versions of this Code.

HISTORY:

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