

TITLE XIV: THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CAUCUSES

Chapter 1401 Caucuses

- 1401.1 Student Government shall recognize the following caucuses at the first meeting of the Student Body Senate following the start of the Summer B semester:
- A. Arab Caucus
 - B. Asian/Pacific Islander Caucus
 - C. Black Caucus
 - D. Disability Caucus
 - E. Inter-Campus and Transfer Caucus
 - F. Latin/Hispanic Caucus
 - G. LGBTQ+ Caucus
 - H. Military & Veterans Caucus
 - I. Sustainability Caucus
 - J. Women's Caucus
- 1401.2 Duties and Powers of Caucuses
- A. Caucuses shall
- 1. Sponsor measures to address issues that are unique to the population of students that they identify with.
 - 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.
- 1401.3 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.
 - 2. Branch heads shall announce Caucus appointments for their respective branch members at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting during their Senate report.
 - 3. The Vice President shall announce Caucus appointments for Student Government Agencies at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting during their Senate Report.
- B. Any Caucus member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Caucus Chair and their branch head; however, Election Commissioners must submit their resignation to the Supervisor of Elections, and Student Government Agency members must submit theirs to the Vice President.

1. The respective branch head shall announce the member's resignation in their Senate Report
- C. No Student Government Agent shall be required to be a member of a Caucus.
- D. No Student Government Agent shall serve as Chair of more than (1) Caucus.
- E. Any RSO or University Department that represents the student population or identity group that correlates with the caucus may be elected by the members of the caucus into an ex-officio seat.
 1. The number of ex-officio seats shall not exceed the total number of Student Government agents within the caucus unless otherwise stipulated by a Caucus.
 2. A Caucus may increase the number of ex-officio seats through a majority vote.
 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 serve one (1) year-long term.
 6. If an RSO with an ex-officio seat disbands during its term, the seat shall be vacated.

1401.4 Caucus Meeting Absences

- A. Caucus members shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) unexcused absences from each Caucus per semester.
- B. Caucus Meeting Absences may be expunged at the discretion of the Caucus Chair as outlined in 1402.2.

Chapter 1402 Caucus Leadership

1402.1 The Election and Appointment of Officers

- A. The Senate President shall appoint an acting Chair with the approval of the other three Branch heads.
- B. The Senate President shall appoint an acting Chair for the Caucus Leadership Committee with the approval of the other Branch Heads and Supervisor of Elections.
- C. At the first meeting of a caucus after the start of the Summer B semester, the acting Chair:
 1. Shall take the Chair.
 2. Shall call the meeting of the new caucus session to order.
 3. Shall immediately call for the nomination and election of the Caucus Chair. All Student Government Agents on the committee shall be eligible for nomination.
 4. Shall immediately yield the Chair to the newly elected Caucus Chair at the conclusion of the Caucus Chair elections.
- D. Upon being elected at the first meeting of a caucus session, the Caucus Chair:
 1. Shall take the Chair.
 2. Shall immediately call for the nomination and election of the Caucus Vice Chair. All Student Government Agents shall be eligible for nomination to the office.

1402.2 Duties and Powers of the Caucus Chair

- A. The Acting Caucus Chair shall set the meeting time for their respective Caucus, with the concurrence of a majority of the Caucus, and, at the first

(1st) official meeting, the Acting Chair shall call for the election of the Chair. The newly elected Chair will call for the nomination of a Vice Chair during Miscellaneous Business. Vice Chair elections will be held at the next scheduled Caucus meeting.

- B. The Chair of the Caucus may be an active member of the Caucus—debating and voting—but shall also be responsible for presiding over and keeping order and decorum in meetings.
- C. The Chair shall be responsible for setting and posting the Caucus times and locations, with the concurrence of a majority of the Caucus. The Caucus meeting must be posted in accordance with Title XII: Student Government Transparency.
- D. The Chair shall have the power to expunge Caucus absence(s) of a Caucus member from their respective Caucus, upon written petition. The written petition must be turned in to the Caucus Chair within two (2) weeks following the absence in question or else said absence.
 - 1. The Chair may remove any member who exceeded the allowed number of absences, as stipulated in this Title. A majority vote of the Caucus can overturn the decision of the Chair.
- E. The Chair shall present an oral report to the Student Body Senate in Caucus Forum at least once a month at a regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
 - 1. This requirement may be waived for the month by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Student Body Senate.
- F. Notification of Ex-Officio Elections: The Chair shall provide applicable Multicultural Greek Councils, Student Councils, Student Advisory Boards, and Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) written notification informing them of elections for the non-permanent ex-officio seats at least two (2) weeks before the end of the Senate term.
 - 1. If a vacancy occurs during an ex-officio term, the chair shall issue a written notice of election to applicable Multicultural Greek Councils, Student Councils, Advisory Boards, and RSOs within the next two weeks of the vacancy.
- G. Caucus Chairs shall not serve as Vice Chair of the same Caucus, or the Chair of any other Caucus.
- H. The Chair shall compile a List of Applicable Multicultural Greek Councils, Student Advisory Council, Student Board, or Registered Student Organizations that share an identity with their Caucus.
 - 1. Applicable Boards, Councils, or RSOs are those that identify with the mission of a Caucus and wish to participate.
 - 2. The list shall be updated on a regular basis and approved with a majority vote of the Caucus.
 - 3. No Board, Council, or RSO shall be barred from applicability status.
- I. Removals or resignations shall be read at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting during the Caucus report.

1402.3 Duties and Powers of the Caucus Vice Chair

- A. Assuming the Chair: The Vice Chair shall assume the "duties of the Chair," upon request, or if the Chair is unable to perform the prescribed duties.

- B. The Vice Chair as Secretary: The Vice Chair shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of each Caucus meeting.
- C. Caucus Vice Chairs shall submit caucus minutes no later than five (5) academic days following the Caucus meeting.
- D. Vice Chairs shall be responsible for submitting committee minutes to the following individuals according to the timeline outlined above:
 - 1. Their respective Caucus Chair.
 - 2. Student Government Advisor or Designee.
- E. Succession: Upon the resignation or removal of the Caucus Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the Chair and call for the immediate nomination and election of a new Chair.

1402.4 Vote of No Confidence

- A. Procedure of a Vote of No Confidence
 - 1. The issuer of the vote of no confidence may make a ten (10) minute statement to the Caucus regarding the pending no-confidence vote and all appropriate materials that the issuer has submitted to the Student Body Senate Advisor, pending approval.
 - 2. The party issued may make a ten (10) minute statement to the Caucus regarding the pending no confidence vote and all appropriate materials that the issued has submitted to the Student Body Senate Advisor, pending approval.
 - 3. The Caucus shall then enter a period of questioning where both the issuer and the issued may be questioned on matters relevant to the no-confidence.
 - 4. Following the period of questioning, the Caucus will enter a period of debate.
 - 5. If the motion of a vote of no confidence passes, the individual is dismissed from that leadership position and may not run for or be appointed to that same position within the same caucus session the dismissal occurred.
- B. Caucus Chair and Vice Chair
 - 1. A vote of “no confidence” on a Caucus Chair or Vice Chair may be moved at any meeting of that Caucus and voted on at the next regularly scheduled Caucus meeting. The Caucus, by a majority vote, may remove the Chair or Vice Chair of that Caucus. If removed, they are then dismissed from said position.
 - 2. The Caucus Chair must vacate the Chair while the question of “no confidence” is pending.
 - 3. Nomination and election of a Caucus Chair or Vice Chair shall take place at the Caucus meeting following a vote of “no confidence.” All Senate members of the Caucus may be eligible for nomination.
 - 4. The committee’s decision to have no confidence in the Chair or Vice Chair may be overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Judicial Branch but must be done no later than two (2) Senate meetings from the Caucus meeting immediately following the no-confidence vote.

Chapter 1403 Creation of Ad Hoc Caucuses

- 1403.1 Any Student Government Agent may call for the creation of an Ad Hoc Caucus.
- A. The Ad Hoc caucus shall be instated after
 - 1. Proposing a Resolution including:
 - a. The reasons for the caucus' creation.
 - b. The duties and responsibilities of the caucus.
 - c. The date upon which the jurisdiction of the caucus shall expire;
 - d. The number of caucus members and how the members shall be selected.
 - 2. Passing the Resolution by a majority vote of the Student Body Senate.
 - 3. Signing the Resolution by the Senate President and President Pro Tempore.
 - B. An Ad Hoc Caucus may choose to dissolve prior to its scheduled termination with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Ad Hoc Caucus.
 - 1. Dissolution must be communicated to the Student Body President, Senate President, Chief Justice, and the Supervisor of Elections.
 - C. The caucus members shall elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc caucus unless specified otherwise by the proposed Resolution.

Chapter 1404 The Caucus Leadership Committee

- 1404.1 Composition and Powers of the Caucus Leadership Committee:
- A. The Caucus Leadership Committee shall comprise Standing and Ad Hoc Caucus Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- 1404.2 Duties and Responsibilities of the Caucus Leadership Committee
- A. The Caucus Leadership Committee shall
 - 1. Ensure that all caucuses operate in accordance with this Title.
 - 2. Review policies that govern caucuses' operations and make suggestions to the Student Body Senate.
 - 3. Meet at least once a month to discuss initiatives and any ongoing projects progress.
 - 4. Allocate a budget to the member Caucuses, provided for by each Branch Head and the Supervisor of Elections.
- 1404.3 The Election and Appointment of the Caucus Leadership Committee Officers
- A. At the first meeting of the Committee the acting chair:
 - 1. Shall take the Chair.
 - 2. Shall call the meeting the committee to order.
 - 3. Shall immediately call for the nomination and election of the Committee Chair.
 - 4. Shall immediately yield the Chair to the newly elected Committee Chair at the conclusion of the Committee Chair Elections.
 - B. Upon being elected at the first meeting of the committee, the Committee Chair:
 - 1. Shall take the Chair.
 - 2. Shall immediately call for the nomination and election of the Committee Vice Chair.

1404.4 Duties and Powers of the Committee Chair

- A. The Chair of the Committee may be an active member of the Committee—debating and voting—but shall also be responsible for presiding over and keeping order and decorum in meetings.
- B. The Chair shall be responsible for setting and posting the Committee’s times and locations, with the concurrence of a majority of the Committee. The Committee meeting must be posted in accordance with Title XIV.
- C. Eligibility: The Chair of the committee shall be prohibited from holding the position of Vice Chair of the committee.

1404.5 Duties and Powers of the Committee Vice Chair

- A. Assuming the Chair: The Vice Chair shall assume the "duties of the Chair," upon request, or if the Chair is unable to perform the prescribed duties.
- B. The Vice-Chair as Secretary: The Vice-Chair shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of each committee meeting.
- C. Committee Vice Chair shall submit committee minutes no later than five (5) academic days following the committee meeting to the following individuals:
 - 1. The Committee Chair
 - 2. The Student Government Advisor or Designee
 - 3. Each Branch Head and the Supervisor of Elections
- D. Succession: Upon the resignation or removal of the Committee Chair, the Committee Vice Chair shall assume the Chair and call for the immediate nomination and election of a new Chair.

1404.6 Vote of No Confidence

- A. Committee Chair and Vice Chair
 - 1. A vote of “no confidence” on the Committee Chair or Vice Chair may be moved at any meeting of that committee and voted on at the next regular committee meeting. The committee, by majority vote, may remove the Chair or Vice Chair of that committee. If removed, they are then dismissed from said position.
 - 2. The Committee Chair must vacate the Chair while the question of “no confidence” is pending.
 - 3. Nomination and election of the Committee Chair or Vice Chair shall take place at the committee meeting following a vote of “no confidence.” All voting members of the committee shall be eligible for nomination.
 - 4. The committee’s decision to no-confidence the Chair or Vice Chair may be overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Judicial Council, but must be done no later than ten (10) academic days from the committee meeting immediately following the no-confidence vote.

1404.7 Caucus Leadership Committee Attendance

- A. If a member of the Caucus Leadership Committee is unable to attend a meeting of the Committee, they shall be responsible for notifying the Committee Chair and Vice Chair in writing twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the Caucus Leadership Committee meeting that they will be absent from.

1404.8 Standing Rules of the Caucus Leadership Committee

- A. In the instance where multiple positions within the Caucus Leadership Committee are filled by the same individual:

1. An individual shall count as one (1) towards the total quorum, regardless of the number of seats they hold.
2. If an individual holds multiple seats with voting privileges, they shall only receive one (1) vote.

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