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University of South Florida Student Government Senate

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Update to Senate Executive Committee
Membership and Voting Rights
55th Term
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The intent of this legislation is to add the vice-chairs to the membership of the Senate Executive Committee, and to allow them to vote in the absence of their respective chairman.

A SENATE STATUTORY AMENDMENT

Be it enacted by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, that the following changes be made to the Student Government Senate Rules of Procedure:

9 Committees

9.1 Standing Committees of the Senate

- 9.1.1 All Standing Senate Committees shall operate under and maintain a Standard Operating Procedure, to be written by the committee and approved by the Senate Executive Committee ([SenEx](#)). These shall be revised on a yearly basis, and shall be presented to SenEx by the first committee meeting of the fall semester.
- 9.1.2 Each standing committee shall have the power, with a 2/3rd vote of the committee, following confirmation by the Senate with a 2/3rd vote, to subpoena any student employed by and/or affiliated with Student Government.
 - 9.1.2.1 The Judiciary and Ethics Committee will only require a 2/3rd vote of the committee to subpoena any student employed by and/or affiliated with Student Government.
- 9.1.3 Each standing committee shall have a Vice-Chair elected by the committee.
 - 9.1.3.1 For the purposes of Statutes and these Rules of Procedure, Vice-Chairs of committees shall not be considered Officers of the Senate.

9.1.4 Senators have the option to abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. Reasons for the abstention must be submitted to the Senate Secretary in writing except in the cases where the chair must abstain as required by parliamentary procedure.

9.1.5 The Committee on Rules shall:

9.1.5.1 Review all constitutional amendments, non-budgetary bills, and resolutions submitted to the committee chairperson by the office of the Senate President for the purposes of legality, efficiency, and tangibility.

9.1.5.2 Have the power to amend any legislation put forth to the committee.

9.1.5.2.1 If a bill is amended, the author or sponsor shall have the right to remove their authorship or sponsorship of the bill. At this time, the chairperson or any member of the committee may become the author or sponsor of the bill.

9.1.5.3 Review standing legislative documents and recommend improvements when necessary.

9.1.5.4 Require all legislation to go through at least one reading in committee before being sent to the Senate President for Senate's consideration.

9.1.5.5 Collaborate with and assist the Office of the Attorney General on projects and initiatives.

9.1.6 The Committee on Appropriations and Audits shall:

9.1.6.1 Review budget requests by Activity and Service fee funded entities.

9.1.6.2 Review requested transfers of already allocated organization budgets.

9.1.6.3 Work in conjunction with the A&S Business Office (ASBO) to oversee the management of A&S fee accounts under the advisement of the ASBO Director.

9.1.6.4 Be responsible, under the direction of the chairperson of the committee, to provide an interim account balance statement, exact allocation recommendations, and all prevalent information regarding budget requests during regularly scheduled Senate meetings.

9.1.6.5 Review and amend Title VIII of the Student Government Statutes when deemed appropriate.

9.1.6.6 Audit and complete reports of A&S funded events.

9.1.6.6.1 These audits will be submitted to the Chair of the Activity and Service Fee Recommendation Committee (ASRC) no later than the first Friday in February.

9.1.6.6.2 After the initial submission packet, subsequent audits will be submitted as they are completed.

9.1.6.7 The chair of the committee shall serve as a voting member of the Activity and Service Fee Recommendation Committee (ASRC) as mandated by statutes.

9.1.7 The Committee on the Judiciary and Ethics shall:

9.1.7.1 Be responsible for maintaining the integrity of the office of Student Government and all associated entities.

9.1.7.2 Review all Executive Branch nominations as appropriate.

9.1.7.3 Review all Judicial Branch nominations put forth by the Student Body President for confirmation.

9.1.7.4 Investigate complaints and grievances against Student Government or any Activity and Service fee funded entity.

9.1.7.5 Have the power to subpoena all persons in question in accordance with Senate Rule of Procedure

9.1.7.6 If it were to assemble, the chair of the Judiciary and Ethics committee shall serve as Chair of the Personnel Policy Board (PPB) in accordance with Student Government Statutes.

9.1.8 The Committee on Special Funding shall:

9.1.8.1 Review and allocate Homecoming grant requests in accordance with Student Government Statutes.

9.1.8.2 Review and allocate Engineering Expo grant requests in accordance with Student Government Statutes.

9.1.8.3 Review and allocate Signature Events grant requests in accordance with Student Government Statutes.

9.1.8.4 Review and allocate Travel grant requests in accordance with Student Government Statutes.

9.1.9 The Committee on University, Community, and Government Affairs shall:

9.1.9.1 Help facilitate relations between the student body and Student Government as well as their state and local governments.

9.1.9.2 Receive and review all University Wide Committee reports from the Department of University and Community Affairs.

9.1.9.2.1 Reports that contain issues of student body concern shall be forwarded to the Committee on Community and Governmental Affairs.

9.1.9.3 Conduct surveys based on issues relevant to the student body.

9.1.9.4 Present at least one resolution or memorandum per semester to the Senate based on the data collected from the student body

9.1.9.5 Review all state, local and federal legislation that may affect the student body.

- 9.1.9.6 Be in contact with all Florida Student Association representatives and receive reports on any student related issues within the organization.
- 9.1.9.7 Propose new services and programs to advocate for student issues that may be executed by the Executive Branch.
- 9.1.9.8 Collaborate with and assist the Department of University and Community Affairs on projects and initiatives.
- 9.1.9.9 Collaborate with and assist the Department of Government Affairs on projects and initiatives.

9.2 Senate Executive Committee (SenEx)

- 9.2.1 The Senate President Pro Tempore shall serve as the Chair of SenEx.
- 9.2.2 Membership

9.2.2.1 Membership shall include the Senate President, Pro Tempore, ~~and the~~ fivesix standing committee chairs and the five standing committee vice-chairs as inactive non-voting members.

9.2.2.1.1 The five standing committee vice chairs shall serve as inactive non-voting members.

9.2.2.2 Quorum will be defined as a majority of the voting members.

9.2.2.2.1 Excused absences will not count towards quorum.

9.2.3 Voting Rights

9.2.3.1 Voting rights shall ~~only~~ be granted to the Senate President, Pro Tempore and the five standing committee chairs.

~~9.2.2.1.1~~ 9.2.3.1.1 In the event that a standing committee chair is absent from a meeting, the corresponding vice-chair ~~can~~ shall become an active member and shall vote in their place until the adjournment of the meeting.

~~9.2.3~~ 9.2.4 The Committee duties shall include:

~~9.2.3.1~~ 9.2.4.1 To serve as the highest committee in the Senate with authority over all standing committees and subcommittees.

~~9.2.3.2~~ 9.2.4.2 Assign points to Senators for failure to attend the required meetings.

~~9.2.3.3~~ 9.2.4.3 Approve of excused absences from Senate.

~~9.2.3.4~~ 9.2.4.4 Complete any tasks as prescribed by the Senate President or Senate President Pro Tempore.

~~9.2.3.5~~ 9.2.4.5 Plan at least one Senate social per semester in addition to the Senate Pinning Ceremony.

- 9.3 Ad-hoc Committees shall act in accordance with all relevant procedures as outlined in SG statutes and applicable regulations.

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