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Chapter 600: ~~Judicial Branch~~ Composition of the Supreme Court

600.1 The Supreme Court shall be comprised of five Supreme Justices and a Chief Justice, whom shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the Senate.

600.2 All Justices shall serve on the court for one academic year and shall be eligible for reappointment if they choose.

600.3 All Justices must resign from his or her office prior to any other appointment or nomination within the Student Government Association.

600.4 When there is a vacancy within the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice shall forward a nominee to the Senate for majority confirmation. Upon confirmation, the new justice shall be immediately installed as an acting justice.

~~600.6~~ 600.5 The removal of Judicial officials shall be conducted in accordance with Title ~~VIII~~ VII and shall be carried out within the provisions thereof.

~~600.1~~ 600.6 Judicial officials shall meet as deemed by the Chief Justice.

Chapter 601: Chief Justice Duties and Responsibilities

601.1 The Chief Justice shall serve as leader over the Supreme Court and shall assign duties to other justices.

601.2 The Chief Justice shall conduct meetings.

601.3 The Chief Justice shall advise on procedural questions.

601.4 The Chief Justice shall communicate with students who file a complaint.

601.5 The Chief Justice shall report to Senate with updates of the Supreme Court.

601.6 The Chief Justice shall remove Justices in accordance with Title VII.

Chapter 602: Supreme Court Duties and Responsibilities

~~600.2~~ 602.1 All proposed Constitutional amendments and referenda shall be reviewed by the Supreme Court for vagueness and inconsistency with federal, state, local, and university laws and regulations, within five business days of receipt, before the Senate approves the measure(s) to be placed on the ballot.

- ~~600.3~~ 602.2 The Supreme Court shall review properly filed legislative bills upon request of a Student Government member. The purpose of this review is only to provide assurance that if the bill were to become law, it would be in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, and university laws, as well as constitutional. The Supreme Court is expressly prohibited from using this power of review to make public policy or any similar judgments on the bill that would be inconsistent with the fair and impartial role of the Judicial Branch.
- ~~600.4~~ 602.3 If a Justice, due to position or affiliation decides he or she cannot render a fair and impartial decision, the Justice shall abstain from any judicial participation on such matter being heard. ~~A Justice shall resign his or her office prior to filing a declaration of candidacy for any elected office or nomination to any appointed office in the Student Government Association.~~
- ~~600.5~~ 602.4 The Supreme Court must inform the Senate no later than the fourth Senate meeting of the Fall and Spring Semester by written report the condition of the Judicial system and recommend measures for the improvement of the administration of justice.
- ~~600.7~~ 602.5 The Supreme Court shall issue formal written opinions of any legislation passed by the Senate within two weeks of final passage.
- 602.6 The Supreme Court shall conduct open hearings for all cases.
- 602.7 The Supreme Court shall have quorum to conduct all hearings.
- 602.8 The Supreme Justices shall have the opportunity and are encouraged to sit on the University Student Conduct Committee.
- 602.9 The Supreme Court shall have the opportunity, upon request per student organization to review the said organization's constitution and or statutes. Upon finding any failures in compliance with Federal or University Laws, The Supreme Court shall report these problems to the organization in question, detailing how to amend the constitution and or statutes to eliminate such conflicts.