



The University of West Florida
Student Government Association

Attendance Update

Legislation: 16-17 Bill IX

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Ms. Leonie Dupuis
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 16-17 Bill IX is hereby signed on _____.

Pass Veto
Date

Mr. Jacob Hebert
Student Body President

Section 1: Legislative Intent

The current attendance policy requires that the Rules Committee convene every time a senator has 3 absences from Senate or 3 absences from their committee meeting so that the senator in question may appeal one (or more) of their absences. At the moment, most senators repeal an Academic Conference. This bill would allow the Rules Committee to appeal Academic Conference absences by email vote.

To maintain consistency in Rules Committee decisions, the Rules Committee would no longer be appointed by the Vice President. Instead, senators from each college would choose which senator from their college would serve on the Rules Committee for the duration of the term at the first senate meeting of the year.

Section 2: Tracked Changes

302.1 Senate Pro Tempore

- A. There shall be a Senate Pro Tempore nominated and elected from within the Senate at the first meeting of a new Senate or in the event of a vacancy.
- B. The Senate Pro Tempore shall be responsible for the following:
 1. All legislation shall be submitted to the Senate Pro Tempore for review. The Senate Pro Tempore can sign off on legislation and send it to the President of the Senate to put on the agenda for the next Senate meeting or can call a meeting of the Statutory Review Committee to review before sending to be put on the agenda.
 2. There shall be a Statutory Review Committee which will be chaired by the Senate Pro Tempore.
 - i. The membership of the Statutory Review Committee will be comprised of the Vice President, the Senate Pro Tempore, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Chairs of all Senate standing committees.
 - ii. The Statutory Review Committee will meet after installment and before the Semester ends to review the state of the Statutes, gain a full understanding of the responsibilities for each position, and recommend to the Senate Pro Tempore and Secretary of the Senate any legislation for adjustment of the operations of the Senate and Student Government Association as a whole.

- iii. The Statutory Review Committee will also meet when called by the Senate Pro Tempore to review legislation that has been submitted for review.
3. Proficiency in Robert's Rules of Order and rules of the Senate outlined in these statutes.
4. Orientation of new Senators in topics addressed in Statute 304.1.B.3.
5. Enforcement of the attendance policy and recommendation to the Vice President for review of such infractions.
6. There shall be a rules committee which shall be chaired by the Senate Pro Tempore.
 - i. The committee will be comprised of the Vice President, the Senate Pro Tempore, the Secretary of the Senate, and one Senator from each college ~~as appointed by the Vice President~~ as selected by the Senators of each college by acclamation.
 - ii. The purpose of this committee shall be to review appeals of absences that are on Senator's records. These appeals must first be submitted to the Senate Pro Tempore. The committee will meet at the Senate Pro Tempore's discretion.
 1. If a Senator desires to appeal an absence related to an Academic Conference, the Senator may send evidence and an explanation to the Senate Pro Tempore via email. The Rules Committee can then vote to forgive this absence via email majority vote.
 - iii. The Rules Committee shall not forgive a Senator of more than two unexcused absences during their term.
7. Preparation of new legislation, especially concerning the function of the Senate.
8. Chairing the Senate when the Vice President is absent, unable, or otherwise requests for them to do so.
9. Maintaining open communication between the committee chairs

and the Vice President.

10. Meeting regularly with each of the committee chairs to keep tabs of their running projects and reporting the outcomes of these meetings to the Vice President.

11. Holding regularly scheduled office hours as set by the President.

C. The Senate Pro Tempore shall receive a Stipend of \$2,500 which shall be allocated appropriately throughout the course of their term.