



# The University of West Florida Student Government Association

## The Judiciary Committee

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Be it known that Student Government 24-25 Bill I is hereby signed on 9/27.

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**TITLE III: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

## Chapter 302: Senate Leadership

### 302. 01 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. 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 following:~~

- ~~• Senate Pro Tempore~~
- ~~• Vice President~~
- ~~• Secretary of the Senate~~
- ~~• University Affairs Chair~~
- ~~• Student Affairs Chair~~
- ~~• Budget and Allocations Chair~~
- ~~• Senator Appointed by the Senate~~

~~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.~~

~~2. 1. Proficiency in Robert's Rules of Order and rules of the Senate outlined in these statutes.~~

~~3. 2. Orientation of new Senators in topics addressed in Statute 304.1.B.3.~~

~~4. 3. Enforcement of the attendance policy and recommendation to the Vice President for review of such infractions.~~

~~5. There shall be a Rules and Statutes Committee which shall be chaired by the Senate Pro Tempore.~~

~~ii. The committee will be comprised of the following:~~

- ~~• Senate Pro Tempore~~
- ~~• Secretary of the Senate~~
- ~~• One Senator from each college as selected by the Senators of each college by acclamation.~~
- ~~• The Vice President shall serve as an ex-officio member~~

~~iii. The purpose of this committee shall be to review appeals of absences that are on the 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 and Statutes Committee can then vote to forgive this absence via email majority vote.~~

~~iv. The Rules and Statutes Committee shall not forgive a Senator of more than four unexcused absences during an academic semester.~~

~~6.~~ 4. Preparation of new legislation, especially concerning the function of the Senate.

~~7.~~ 5. Chairing the Senate when the Vice President is absent, unable, or otherwise requests for them to do so.

~~8.~~ 6. Maintaining open communication between the committee chairs and the Vice President.

~~9.~~ 7. Meeting regularly with each of the committee chairs to keep tabs on their running projects and reporting the outcomes of these meetings to the Vice President.

~~10.~~ 8. Holding regularly scheduled office hours as set by the President.

9. Keeping accurate records of senator attendance and office hours

C. The Senate Pro Tempore shall receive a stipend of \$3,000.00 which shall be allocated appropriately throughout the course of their term.

### **Chapter 313: The Judiciary Committee**

313. 01 The Judiciary Committee shall be chaired by the Senate Pro Tempore and be comprised of the following:

- Senate Pro Tempore
- Vice President
- Budget and Allocations Chair
- University Affairs Chair
- Student Affairs Chair
- Senator appointed by the Senate

313.02 The Judiciary Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Reviewing the Student Body Statutes at the advice of the Senate Pro Tempore, Vice President, or SGA Advisor
- b. Recommending to the Senate Pro Tempore changes of the Student Body Statutes
- c. Monitoring the attendance of senators at Senate meetings, committee meetings, and mandatory events
- d. Notifying the Senate President of any senator in violation of the Absentee Policy or in danger of violating the Absentee Policy
- e. Reviewing appeals of senator absences

313.03 A senator may submit an absence appeal to the Judiciary Committee by emailing an explanation and evidence to the Senate Pro Tempore. The Judiciary Committee shall vote over email to forgive the appeal.

313.04 The Judiciary Committee shall meet at the discretion of the Senate Pro Tempore.