



# The University of West Florida Student Government Association

## Absentee Policy Removal

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Ms. Ichelle Jones  
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 24-25 Bill VI is hereby signed on 11/13

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11/13/24  
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Ms. Maggie Brown  
Student Body President

## TITLE VII: STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICER ACCOUNTABILITY & REMOVAL ACT

### Chapter 709: Removal of Senators by the Absentee Policy

~~709.01 If a senator accumulates three unexcused absences from committee or Senate meetings during a semester they may be put up for removal by the Senate President and or the Rules and Statutes Committee and removed by Majority Vote of the Senate. The senator in question may produce up to five minutes of defense on his/her behalf at the time of the vote, but the senator in question forfeits the right to vote on this particular issue, as defined in the Constitution Article IV, Section 3, subparagraph 8.~~

709.01 If a senator accumulates three unexcused absences in an academic semester as outlined in Chapter 312, the Senate Pro Tempore may recommend the removal of the senator through the absentee policy to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee by majority vote may choose to remove the senator.

709.02 Should the senator wish to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee, they shall have the option to appeal their absences to the Judiciary Committee through email or a meeting with the Judiciary Committee Chair. If the senator does not wish to appeal or the appeal fails, the senator may produce up to five minutes of defense to the Senate on his/her behalf for reinstatement of their position. By majority vote, the Senate may choose to reinstate the senator.

~~709.02 The Rules and Statutes Judiciary Committee may bring a senator up for removal through the absentee policy.~~

~~709.03 If the Rules and Statutes Committee submit removal charges, they will provide all evidence to the Senate President, prior to notifying the accused that they are up for removal.~~

709.03 Senators that have been removed due to violation of the absentee policy shall be notified by the Senate ~~President~~ Pro Tempore.

709.04 A senator is subject to removal from their position at any time at the discretion of the SGA Advisor and/or Director of Student Engagement.

### Chapter 710: Removal of Appointed Offices

710.01 This section shall pertain to the removal of any person who holds an appointed Student Government Association office, with the exception of the Supreme Court.

710.02 Grounds for removal shall be malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of office.

710.03 A Student Government Member holding an appointed office that is

being brought up for removal must be taken to the Senate as part of the removal process.

710.04 The removal proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

- A. The member who is being accused shall be notified of their removal accusation 48 hours prior to a Senate meeting.
- B. The Senate President will read aloud the charges against the accused to all of the Senate.
- C. The individual bringing charges against the accused will be allowed five minutes to bring evidence for the charges. The accused will then have five minutes to bring evidence in their defense. Senate debate will follow.
- D. It takes a majority vote of senators present in order to remove an appointed official.

710.05 An appointed official is subject to removal from their position at any time at the discretion of the SGA Advisor and/or Director of Student Engagement.