



Student Government Resolution 117.0027

**A Resolution Amending the Standing Rules of Student Government: Procedural Matters
Sponsored by Keaton Leppanen, Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee Chair; Chester
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Voting Senator**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- There exists unclear and inconsistent language in the Student Government Standing Rules, which conflicts with current practices; and
- The Student Senate currently has its general body meeting at 5:00 pm; and
- The Student Senate has not issued its advisors a list of duties in recent memory; and
- The Judicial Affairs Office no longer exists; and
- In recent years, The Academic Affairs Committee has taken over the duty of selecting Educator and Research Mentor of the Year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- By approving this resolution, the Student Senate is approving the proposed changes¹ to the Standing Rules; and
- The proposed changes will take effect immediately upon the approval of the Student Senate.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Janet Gooch; Vice President of Student Affairs, Janna Stoskopf; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent

President of the Student Association, Kyra Cooper

¹ See appendix.

APPENDIX

ARTICLE I: THE STUDENT SENATE

Section 11: Academic Affairs Committee

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Clause 3

The Academic Affairs Committee shall also be responsible for selecting both an Educator of the Year and Research Mentor of the Year and hosting an Academic Accolades Banquet to honor those individuals.

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Section 13: Environmental Affairs Committee

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~~Clause 2~~

~~The Environmental Affairs Chair, in coordination with the Physical Plant and other appropriate authorities, shall organize, promote, and execute a battery recycling drive once a semester.~~

Clause 2

The Environmental Affairs Committee shall also be responsible for planning and executing Earth Week programming lasting at least three days.

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Section 22: Meeting Times and Special Meetings

Clause 1

The Student Senate shall meet weekly during the legislative session. Meetings shall take place ~~at 6:00 PM~~ on Sundays ~~at a time decided upon and publicized by the Executive Board prior to the first day of classes each semester.~~

Clause 2

In the case of holidays or other special considerations ~~in which case the Speaker may, in consultation with the President and Vice President,~~ choose a more appropriate time.

Clause 3

All primary standing committees shall meet weekly at a time to be determined by the Chair of each committee.

Clause 4

The Speaker shall notify all Student Senate members at least twenty-four hours prior to a special meeting of the Student Senate.

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~~Section 25: Faculty and Staff Advisors~~

~~After the Spring semester transition meeting, the Senate may approve a list of duties to be carried out by the faculty and staff advisors. These duties shall be effective for the next academic year. These duties may be amended at any time. If the Student Senate fails to approve a list of duties, the current list shall remain effective.~~

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Section 28: Electronic Voting

Clause 1

When it is otherwise infeasible to conduct a vote of the Student Senate, the Speaker may decide to put a legislative motion to a vote over email.

Clause 2

The Speaker is prohibited from putting Major Expenditures to a vote over email.

Clause 3

The Speaker shall allow for and notify the Student Senate of a commentary and discussion period, lasting a minimum of twenty-four hours, prior to calling for votes to be cast.

Clause 4

The Speaker shall define and inform the Student Senate of a time period lasting a minimum of forty-eight hours, during which votes shall be cast.

Clause 5

All motions put to a vote over email shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership of the Student Senate to be approved.

ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS

Section 14: Sanctions

Clause 1

Upon recommendation of the Ethics Justice, the Election Hearing Board shall impose sanctions for a violation of the election rules. These may include, but are not limited to the following: official warning, public apology, restrictions on campaigning, removal from the election, preventing the candidate from taking the position to which they were elected, calling a new election, and referral to the ~~Judicial Affairs Office~~ **Office of Citizenship and Community Standards**.

***NOTE: Although not explicitly reflected in this appendix, inherent in these proposed changes is the updating of the table of contents and relevant article and clause numbers.