



Student Government Resolution 118.011
A Resolution Amending the Standing Rules of Student Government: Committees and Committee Chairs

Sponsored by Adam Barker, Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee Chair; Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Chair; Adam Paris, Student Affairs Chair

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 regarding committees and committee chairs; and
- There is an inconsistent use of the term “Standing Committee”; and
- The “Attendance Requirements” section does not properly include all members of Student Government;

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.²

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT

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

Passed by Unanimous Consent 2/3/19

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keaton Leppanen".

Keaton Leppanen, President of the Student Association

¹ See appendix.

² The clause numbers of the following changes will be updated before they are implemented.

Article I

Section 5: Organization Representatives

Clause 6

Organization representatives may serve as non-voting, ex officio members of any ~~standing~~ **primary** committee.

Section 6: Duties of Associate Members

Clause 1

Any student may become an associate member of the Student Senate upon appointment by the President or Speaker and confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Senate.

Clause 2

Associate members shall serve on at least one ~~standing~~ **primary, secondary, subcommittee**, ad hoc, or University committee, attend all committee meetings for the committee(s) of which they are members, and fulfill all obligations as deemed necessary by the President or chair of the committee(s) on which they serve.

Clause 3

When attending meetings of the Student Senate, associate members shall have all of the rights and obligations of voting members, except for registering a vote.

Clause 4

Associate members, serving as Primary standing committee chairs, shall have all of the responsibilities of voting members of the Student Senate, but they do not have voting power.

Section 10: Primary and Secondary Committees

Clause 1

There shall be six primary committees: Academic Affairs; Diversity; Environmental Affairs; External Affairs; Health, Wellness, and Safety; and Student Affairs.

Clause 2

There shall be ~~five~~ **four** secondary ~~standing~~ committees: Appropriations, Select Committee on Parking Appeals, ~~Sexual Assault Prevention~~, Athletic Fee Accountability Committee, and Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee.

Clause 3

Each voting senator shall be appointed to at least one primary ~~standing~~ committee.

Section 7: Committee Membership

Clause 1

The Executive Board shall determine the membership of committees and may consult with committee chairs in order to do so. Committee members shall be appointed to a committee by the President and confirmed by the Student Senate.

Clause 2

Regular committee membership must be voted on no later than the meeting following the fall retreat. Committee membership for members appointed to the body during the middle of a term shall be voted on no later than the meeting following them being sworn in.

Section 8: ~~Standing~~ Committee Chairs

Clause 1

~~Each chair~~ All primary, subcommittee, secondary, and ad hoc committee chairs shall work with the President and Vice President to set and prioritize goals for the committee each semester.

Clause 2

When a student without a seat on Student Senate becomes a committee chair, the student shall simultaneously become an associate member of the Student Senate.

Clause 3

Attendance to all committee meetings is mandatory. Absences shall be counted towards a senator's total absence count.

Clause 4

Each week, committee chairs shall submit a record of attendance to the Secretary.

Clause 5

~~The committee chairs, upon confirmation by the Senate, may nominate a Vice Chair to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the body. Vice Chairs should only be appointed if necessary or if the chair intends to step down after the first semester, but ultimately the decision to nominate a Vice Chair is at the discretion of the chair.~~

Clause 6

Each ~~standing~~ committee chair or their designee shall have the opportunity to report on the progress of the committee at each regular meeting of the Student Senate.

Clause 7

Each ~~standing~~ committee chair shall submit an end of the year report.

Clause 8

Each committee chair shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 9: Vice Committee Chairs

Clause 1

~~The committee~~ Primary committee chairs, ~~upon confirmation by the Senate,~~ may nominate a Vice Chair to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the body. ~~Vice Chairs should only be appointed if necessary or if the chair intends to step down after the first semester, but ultimately the decision to nominate a Vice Chair is at the discretion of the chair.~~

Clause 2

Each Vice Chair shall work with the committee chair to set and prioritize goals for the committee each semester.

Clause 3

Only members of the committee may be appointed to the position of Vice Chair.

Clause 4

Each committee may have a Vice Chair, but no committee shall be required to have a Vice Chair. ~~at any time.~~

~~Section 10: Primary and Secondary Committees~~

~~Clause 1~~

~~There shall be six primary committees: Academic Affairs; Diversity; Environmental Affairs; External Affairs; Health, Wellness, and Safety; and Student Affairs.~~

~~Clause 2~~

~~There shall be five secondary standing committees: Appropriations, Select Committee on Parking Appeals, Sexual Assault Prevention, Athletic Fee Accountability Committee, and Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee.~~

~~Clause 3~~

~~Each voting senator shall be appointed to at least one primary standing committee.~~

Article II

Section 2: Duties of the Vice President

Clause 3

In the absence of a **committee** chair of a standing or secondary committee, the Vice President shall serve as the chair pro tempore.

Article V

Section 2: Attendance Requirements

Clause 1

Voting members, members of the Executive Board, **Standing primary** committee chairs, and any other ~~Executive Staff members or associate~~ members so instructed by the President shall attend all full body meetings. Failure to attend a full body meeting shall count as one absence.

Clause 2

Members of the Executive Board, **Standing primary** committee chairs, and any other Executive Committee members so instructed by the President shall be required to attend all Executive Committee meetings. Failure to attend an Executive Committee meeting shall count as one absence.

Clause 3

Members who are part of any primary committee, subcommittee, secondary committee, or ad hoc committee shall attend all of the meetings of their committee. Failure to attend a committee meeting shall count as one absence.

Clause 3

Voting members, members of the Executive Board, ~~Standing~~ **primary** committee chairs, and any other Executive Staff members or associate members so instructed by the President shall work one regularly scheduled office hour per week in the Student Senate office. Failure to work an office hour shall count as one absence.

Clause 4

Voting members, members of the Executive Board, ~~Standing~~ **primary** committee chairs, and any other Executive Staff members or associate members so instructed by the President shall attend the Fall and Spring retreats. Failure to attend the retreat without an excused absence shall count as two unexcused absences.

Clause 5

Senate events may be designated as 'required' by the President if so designated two weeks prior to the event. Failure by voting members, members of the Executive Board, ~~Standing~~ **primary** committee chairs, or any other Executive Staff members or associate members so instructed by the President to attend a required event shall count as one absence. The President may designate no more than four required events per semester.

Clause 6

Failure to attend any required Student Senate function while conducting other Student Senate business shall not count as an absence. When it is necessary, a replacement member should be found to attend the function, and the Secretary should be notified.

Clause 7

Missing more than half of the general meeting shall count as an absence at the discretion of the Secretary.