

STUDENT SENATE ATTENDANCE POLICY

We, are the members of the Student Senate in realization that many student senators have conflicts in schedules which repeatedly hamper their effectiveness in the Associated Student Government, and a quorum shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the senate roll, and this quorum should consist of conscientious and informed senators, and that it is extremely important that senators should be present at both Student Senate and committee meetings in order to remain conscientious and informed, do hereby establish this attendance policy.

ARTICLE I

Deadline for Filling Vacancies on Senate Roll

- Section 1. February 15th of the spring semester shall be the last day to fill vacancies on the senate role.
- Section 2. In the event of February 15th falling on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday shall be the last day to fill vacancies on the senate roll.

ARTICLE II

Student Senate Attendance

- Section 1. If possible, advance notice of an impending absence shall be submitted to the president of the Senate so that any necessary changes in the agenda can be made.
- Section 2. All absences shall, at the discretion of the president of the Senate, or presiding officer, be declared “excused” or “unexcused”.
- Section 3. The senate roll shall be called before and after each regular senate meeting
- 3.1 Each roll call missed and deemed as unexcused shall count as a “half absence”.
- Section 4. The President of the Senate shall recommend the removal of any student senator after two (2) unexcused absences during the Senator’s term of office.
- Section 5. The President of the Senate may bring the situation before the Executive Council at any time deemed necessary for advisement concerning the matter.
- Section 6. After receiving the recommendation from the president of the Senate, the Student Senate shall initiate removal by two-thirds (2/3) vote at a regular meeting of the Senate or petition of ten percent (10%) of that Senator’s constituents.
- Section 7. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate at the next regular meeting will result in the removal of the impeached.

ARTICLE III

Standing Committee Attendance

- Section 1. If possible, advance notice of an impending absence shall be submitted to the Chair of the Committee so that any necessary changes in the Agenda can be made.
- Section 2. The absences shall at the discretion of the Chair of the committee, be declared “excused” or “unexcused”.
- Section 3. The Chair of the committee shall recommend the removal of any student senator after two (2) unexcused absences during the course of the legislative session.
- Section 4. Violation of the Standing Committee Attendance Structure policy to an extent that in the opinion of the committee Chairperson the committee member cannot effectively contribute to the committee and/or Student Senate shall be reported to the President of Senate.
- Section 5. Following this the procedures outlined in Article II, Section 5 shall be implemented if necessary.

ARTICLE IV

Periodic Review of the Student Senate Attendance Policy

- Section 1. The Senate Operations Committee of the Associated Student Government shall conduct an annual review of the Student Senate Attendance Policy at the beginning of the fall legislative session.
- Section 2. If circumstances calling for the revision of said policy arise outside Article IV, section 1, they shall be made known to the Senate operations Committee for consideration/

ARTICLE V

Revision and/or Amendments to Student Senate Attendance Policy

- Section 1. The Senate Operations Committee shall make recommendations to the Student Senate of the findings in compliance to Article IV, sections 1 and 2.
- 1.1 Revisions shall be advocated through submission of a Senate Bill listing proposed changes.
- Section 2. The attendance policy shall be reviewed at the second (2nd) meeting of the first (1st) session of the academic year and accepted by the majority vote of the senate roll present.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The attendance policy may be suspended by a two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the Student Senate present at a meeting.