# TITLE XIII: THE RULES AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATUTE

## **Chapter 1300 Introduction and Formation**

### 1300.1 Establishment

#### There shall be a standing committee of the Senate referred to as the Rules and Oversight Committee.

#### The Rules and Oversight Committee may herein be known as the “R&O” Committee.

#### The R&O Committee shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order during its proceedings.

### Purpose

#### The R&O Committee shall serve as the arm of the Legislature responsible for oversight in all intergovernmental affairs of Student Government.

#### The R&O Committee shall preliminarily vet and approve all legislative appointments by two-thirds (2/3) vote, and all other appointments by majority vote, prior to confirmation by the Senate.

#### The R&O Committee shall advise the Senate on intergovernmental affairs of Student Government and on the activities of independent offices.

#### The R&O Committee shall resolve conflicts concerning the Constitution, the Statutes, and the Senate Policies and Procedures.

#### The R&O Committee shall enforce the senator Absence Policy, as outlined in the Legislative Policies and Procedures.

#### The R&O Committee shall be responsible for maintaining a current Senate Policies and Procedures manual, and any revisions to this document must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

#### The R&O Committee shall also be responsible for overseeing and administering the Mentorship Program.

### 1300.3 The voting members of the committee shall include elected or appointed Senators, the Senate Parliamentarian as well as the Vice Chair. All Legislative officers shall be non-voting ex officio members.

### 1300.4 Amendments to Title XIII shall be subject to the normal legislative process. The R&O Committee shall have jurisdiction over Titles, excluding Title VIII and Title XII.

## **Chapter 1301 R&O Committee Chair**

### 1301.1 The R&O Committee shall be chaired by the Senate President Pro-Tempore.

### The Senate President Pro-Tempore shall:

#### Follow duties outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures.

#### Hold all meetings according to Senate Policies and Procedures.

#### Give a report to Senate at every meeting.

#### Only vote in the event of a tie.

#### Call and set the agenda for meetings of the R&O Committee and submit minutes following each meeting to the Senate President.

#### Issue, on behalf of the committee, a recommendation of action before the Senate for each appointee during their confirmation hearing.

## **Chapter 1302 R&O Committee Vice- Chair**

### 1302.1 The R&O Committee Vice-Chair shall follow all the duties outlined in the Senate Policies and Procedures.

## **Chapter 1303 Appointments**

### 1303.1 The Senate shall only be allowed to fill vacancies through the process of appointing thoroughly vetted and qualified candidates.

### 1303.2 The Senate shall fill vacancies for fall or spring seats from the preceding semester before filling current semester vacancies.

### 1303.3 The qualifications for appointment shall not exceed the constitutional requirements for candidacy.

### 1303.4 All qualified candidates for Senate appointment shall be required to:

#### Announce intention to seek appointment at any regularly scheduled Senate meeting after the Candidate Declaration of Intent deadline for elections occurring within that semester. As there are no elections during the summer semester, appointments are permitted. The applicant must stay the entire meeting and obtain the Senate President’s signature on the designated page of the Senate Appointment Application.

#### Submit a completed time stamped Appointment Application, following all stated deadlines and directions on the application made available by the Senate President Pro-Tempore.

#### Attend two (2) full committee meetings following their announcement, one of which must be a meeting of the R&O Committee.

### 1303.5 Appointment Process

#### Candidates who meet all requirements for appointment shall be placed on the next regularly scheduled R&O meeting agenda.

#### The R&O Committee shall then interview all candidates and, after reaching a two-thirds (2/3) consensus, forward individual appointments to the full Senate for confirmation.

* + 1. Each appointee shall be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting for a confirmation hearing.

#### The Senate shall, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, reach a consensus to confirm an appointee’s request for a Senate seat.

#### If confirmed, the appointee shall be sworn in as a Senator immediately.

#### If there are still candidates seeking appointment after all vacant seats are filled, those candidates’ applications shall remain active for forty five (45) days. In the event of an open seat, candidates for Senatorial confirmation will first be selected from the pool of active applications.

#### The decision of forwarding a specific appointee from a pool of active candidate applications shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the candidate’s R&O Committee interview.

#### If denied by the R&O Committee or the Senate, the candidate must repeat the appointment process in order to be reconsidered for a vacant Senate seat. Once denied, the R&O Committee shall interview any remaining candidates from the pool of active applications, and forward an appointee by two-thirds (2/3) vote.

#### The R&O Committee shall forward no more than one appointee for each vacant seat.

## **Chapter 1304 Confirmations**

### 1304.1 Confirmation Process for Presidential Appointments

#### The R&O Committee shall interview all Judicial and Executive appointments and reach, by majority vote, consensus to forward the candidate to the full Senate for confirmation.

#### The Senate President Pro-Tempore shall issue on behalf of the committee before the Senate a recommendation of action for each appointee during their confirmation hearings.

#### The Senate President Pro-Tempore must receive written notice of appointee no later than three (3) business days prior to the next regularly scheduled Rules and Oversight Committee meeting.

### 1304.2 Special Confirmations

#### The Elections Commissioner shall be subject to reconfirmation after the first year of their two (2) year term by majority vote of the R&O Committee.

## HISTORY:

OB-14SA-2771 (June 9, 2014)

SB-14F-2811 (October 30, 2014)

SB-15S-2847 (April 27, 2015)

SB-15SA-2869 (July 6, 2015)

SB-15SB-2887 (July 20, 2015)

OB-16S-2944 (April 11, 2016)

SB-16SA-3006 (June 8, 2016)

SB-16F-3071 (November 21, 2016)

SB-17S-3116 (April 10th, 2017)

SB-17F-3245 (October 27th, 2017)

SB-20S-3487 (March 9th, 2020)

OB-20S-3496 (March 13th, 2020)