# 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 adhere to the Senate Appointment Process as defined in the Legislative Branch Policies and Procedures.

## **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)

OB-24F-3767 (November 6, 2024)