

Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

AT THE EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Reno on Wednesday,
the seventeenth day of April, two thousand and thirteen*

A Resolution

To Amend the Senate Rules

Whereas, the Secretary of the Senate compiles the total amount of points toward censure for each Senator, and such should be reported to the Committee on Oversight;

Whereas, the Committee on Oversight consists of the committee chairs, each of which decide on excused or unexcused absences for each senator in committee meetings and is responsible for “evaluating the nature of Senate absences” (Rule X.f);

Whereas, there is currently no system of accountability for chairpersons to follow Rule XII.a.1, which requires committees to meet once every two weeks during the Fall and Spring semesters;

Whereas, points should be given automatically for missing office hours or being tardy to meetings as opposed to missing a certain number;

Whereas, there should be some kind of oversight over where a senator can complete their office hours;

Whereas, matters not covered in the 81st Session Rules of the Senate are governed by the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, according to Rule XXIII.b;

Whereas, there is no procedure for a Member-at-Large to resign from his/her position;

Whereas, what is needed in a committee report for legislation is not outlined, and what is currently listed in Rule XII.b is vague and confusing;

Whereas, in accordance with SB 81-An Act Amending Senate Rule XX, the Speaker Pro-Tempore is selected at the convening of the first meeting of a Senate session;

Be it resolved that Rule II subsection D shall be amended by replacing “The Chairpersons of each committee” with “The Secretary”, replacing “the Senate Proper” with “the Committee on Oversight”, and striking “all reports of Committee Chairpersons will be consolidated by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed during the convening of the Committee on Oversight.”

Be it further resolved that Rule II.f.2 shall be amended by adding the sentence “During the hearing, the Committee on Oversight has the authority to excuse or dismiss points compiled against a senator if there is reasonable explanation”;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.f.4 shall be amended by replacing “...toward censure will be reported during each meeting of The Senate of the Associated Students and consolidated by the Speaker of the Senate.” with “...toward censure will be reported by the Secretary of the Senate during each Oversight Committee meeting of the Senate of the Associated Students and consolidated by the Speaker of the Senate.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.f.4 shall be further amended by adding subsection ix. to read “Failure of the Chairperson of a committee, including the Committee on Oversight, to hold a meeting within the required two week period shall be the equivalent of two points.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.f.4.i is amended by adding “(1/3 point for every missed hour),” Rule II.f.4.iii is amended by adding “(1/3 point for every instance)” and Rule II.f.4.v is amended by adding “(2/3 point for every instance)”;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.f.4.iv is stricken;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.g.1 is amended by replacing “The other is up to the discretion of each senator” with “The other is up to the discretion of each senator with approval from the Speaker.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.g.1 is further amended by replacing “Office hours shall be held between during regular operating hours of the ASUN student activities center while the Senate is in Session, in the Senate workroom or other on campus locations posted at all of the established ASUN posting physical locations and/or ASUN website” with “Office hours shall be held during regular operating hours of the ASUN Center for Student Engagement while Senate is in session, in the Senate workroom or other on-campus locations with approval from the Speaker.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.g.3 shall be amended by striking “post the time and location at all of the established ASUN posting physical locations and/or ASUN website three business days before said event” with “obtain approval from the Speaker.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule III.a.6 is amended by striking “and Standing”;

Be it further resolved that Rule III.a is amended by adding subsection 19, to read “Public Comment”;

Be it further resolved that Rule III.c is amended by striking the word “written”;

Be it further resolved that Rule II.f is amended by striking the word “been” before the word “previously”;

Be it further resolved that Rule V.a is amended by adding “or by the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule IX.h.1 is be amended by adding “A Member-at-Large may resign from his/her position by submitting a letter of resignation to the Speaker and Secretary of the Senate. Such action shall be reported to the Committee on Oversight.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule XII.b is amended by striking the subsections and replacing it with “Committee chairs shall report legislation to Senate. The report shall include a memo detailing the discussion and vote in committee, a copy of the legislation, and any supporting documentation. Such a report shall be submitted in electronic form by the chairperson of the committee to the Speaker of the Senate, Legislative Clerk, and Secretary of the Senate.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule XV.d is amended by adding “selection of the Speaker Pro-Tempore” after “selection of the Secretary of the Senate”;

Be it further resolved that Rule XVI.a.1 shall be amended by replacing “...by transmitting an electronic copy in the manner prescribed by the Secretary to him or her” with “...by transmitting an electronic copy to the Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, and Legislative Clerk.” Rule XVI.a.1 shall be further amended by striking “A paper copy shall also be transmitted, bearing the signature or signatures of the primary sponsors.”;

Be it further resolved that Rule XVIII.b.1 is amended by adding the words “unless the Senate is in recess.”

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the Senate