

Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Agenda for Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 at 8:30 AM
President's Conference Room, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Secretaries

2. **ROLL CALL***

Roll Call must be listed by Secretaries

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak

4. **MINUTES**

- a. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from August 28th, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from August 28th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- b. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 11th, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 11th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- c. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 18th, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 18th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

5. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Harvey
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Prempeh
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Doyle



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- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Supple
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Westerman
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Rogers
- g. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness-Senator Komanduri
- h. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Senator Murphy
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Hughes

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. S.B. 87- An Act to Clearly Establish the Duty of Senate Meeting Attendance

8. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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9. ADJOURNMENT

10. NOTES.

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S. B. 87-
A Bill to Clearly Establish the Duty of
Senate Meeting Attendance

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

November 13, 2019

Submitted by Senator Westerman to the Committee on Oversight

A Bill
To Clearly Establish the Duty of Senate Meeting Attendance

1 *Whereas*, Rules of the Senate, Rule 1, states that, “Senate shall be on Wednesdays no earlier than
2 5:30 p.m., unless the Senate orders otherwise.”

3 *Whereas*, the Statutes of the Associated Students, Title I, Chapter 101, Section 03, b. states that
4 senators’ duties are, “[to] attend the convening of the Senate and its committees to which the Senator
5 has been assigned.”;

6 *Whereas*, Rule II: Membership of the Senate, within the Rules of the Senate states, “No Senator
7 shall be absent from the service of Senate without leave.”;

8 *Whereas*, the duty of Senators to regularly attend Senate and Committee meetings can be stated
9 more clearly in the Statutes of the Associated Students;

1 *Whereas*, by amending the duties of Senators to explicitly state the requirements of Senate, this
2 will ensure that the expectations are transparent for all to see, prior to making a commitment to
3 campaign for a Senate seat;

4 *Whereas*, it is essential that all Senators are able to be present at Senate meetings. Senatorial
5 absences result in:

- 6 • Disproportionate representation and voting power
- 7 • Forfeiture of student voice
- 8 • Inability of a Senator to vote
- 9 • Inability of a Senator to be a part of discussion on voting and non-voting matters

10 *Whereas*, the Senate Rules containing the weekly day and time of Senate meetings for the session and
11 can be amended in the future through a Senate Binding Resolution, if the Senate body agrees to these
12 changes;

13 *Whereas*, these changes do not inhibit the Speaker's ability to excuse or assign points for temporary
14 absences;

15 *Be it Resolved*, that the Statutes of the Associated Students, Title I, Chapter 101, Section 03, B, 3, be
16 amended to reflect the amendments in Addendum A.

Addendum A

b) DUTIES:

The Senator is in the prime position to communicate between students and heads of colleges. The duties of the Senator include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Host four office hours within a two week period
- 2) Regularly attend the entirety of the convening of the Senate and its committees to which the Senator has been assigned. Inability to attend the entirety of Senate meetings on a weekly basis will result in disqualification from the Office of Senator. In the instance of disqualification, a Senator will be expected to resign from Office.
- 3) Report during committee meetings to which the senator is assigned with respect to the Senators activities as the previous meeting, whenever the chair of the committee requests.
- 4) Mentor and educate Legislative Intern(s) that may be assigned to them in concurrence with the standards proposed by the Speaker Pro Tempore and approved by the Senate body for that session.
- 5) Regularly attend meetings of the Student Advisory Board of the college which the officers are representing or take initiative regarding an inactive or nonexistent advisory board