Revision to Bylaws, Sections VI and VII

VI.C. Appointed Replacements

Where a vacancy in a Senate seat in a unit occurs on or after October 1 and before the next regularly scheduled election, the Speaker, in consultation with the other Senators of that unit, may appoint a replacement who shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election. Consult Chapter VII.H. for vacancies that occur prior to October 1.

VI.D.

2. In the event that a member misses more than three regular Senate meetings during the academic year, a letter shall be sent by the Speaker to that Senator (with a copy to the member's Caucus Leader) requesting an explanation. Both the Senator and the Caucus may provide the Speaker information regarding extenuating circumstances related to the absences. If a satisfactory explanation for excessive absences is not provided within 21 days, the Executive Committee shall have authority to declare the member's position vacated and to invoke the provisions in Sections VI.C. and VII.H. of these Bylaws to choose a replacement. The Executive Committee shall have final authority to determine whether the explanation is satisfactory.

VII.H. Vacancies

1. Should a Senate seat become vacant between the regular election and October 1, before the next regularly scheduled election, the place shall be filled in accordance with Chapter VI.C. by special election conducted by the Election Committee. The elected person will serve the remainder of the term of the place. For vacancy occurring on or after October 1, consult Chapter VI.C. of the Bylaws.

2. Should a Senator anticipate being absent from the campus, or otherwise unable to perform his or her duties, for a period of three or more months, then:

   a. If the time from the anticipated date of return to the expiration of the term is fewer than three months, then the Senator shall resign and the seat shall be filled in accordance with Chapters VI.C. and VII.G.1.

   b. If the time remaining in the term after the anticipated date of return is three months or more, then a temporary replacement shall be elected or appointed (at the discretion of the Election Committee) in accordance with the spirit of Chapters VI.C. and VII.G.1. The Senator shall resume his or her seat upon returning.

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