

SENATE BYLAW 44

CSUN RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

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Membership

The CSUN Rules and Ethics Committee shall be composed of six (6) Senators serving in the current session of the CSUN Senate;

Five (5) of the members will be designated as voting members and one (1) will be designated as the Chair of the Committee;

Quorum will consist of at least four (4) Committee Members: three (3) voting members along with the chair;

Four (4) members of the Committee shall be nominated and approved by the CSUN Senate; Two (2) members of the committee shall be nominated and approved by the Executive Board. One of these six shall be nominated and approved by the CSUN Senate to Chair the Committee. These selections shall be made by the third official meeting of the new Senate Session;

Upon the creation of a vacancy in the committee, the Executive Board shall nominate and the Senate shall confirm a Senator to fill that vacancy. This shall occur at the Senate meeting immediately following the creation of a vacancy;

If a charge is levied against a member of the committee he/she shall be temporarily prohibited from participating as a member of the Committee during that particular investigation. This member is therefore prohibited from voting in such a circumstance;

If, for any reason, a member is unable to participate in a particular case, then the Senate shall reserve the right to elect an alternate for the duration of the case.

The Rules and Ethics Committee shall be empowered to investigate charges against the Executive Board, and to recommend disciplinary actions to the Senate, up to the formation of an Impeachment Committee.

Chair

The Chair shall preside over all Committee meetings;

The Chair shall assign excused/unexcused absences to members of Committee;

The Chair shall be empowered to vote only in the case of a tie.

The Chair shall notify a Senator or an Executive Board member who is being investigated by the Committee in so that the Senator or Executive Board member may appear on his/her own behalf at the meeting when action is being taken;

The Committee shall nominate and approve a voting member of the Committee to serve as the Vice-Chair;

The Vice-Chair will preside over the Committee only in the case of the absence of the Chair. When acting as the Chair, the Vice-Chair is granted all the rights and privileges bestowed upon the chair;

The Vice-Chair forfeits his/her voting privileges when acting as the Chair of the Committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee shall submit, for Senate approval, a set of rules that Senators will be required to follow for the current session of the Senate. These rules must be submitted to the Senate no later than the fourth meeting of the session;

These rules become official upon being approved by the Senate;

The Committee will be responsible for ensuring that all Senators are complying with all rules that are approved in the above manner;

Members of the Committee must report violations of the established rules to the Committee at the next scheduled meeting after the infraction is discovered;

Any CSUN member may report an infraction to the Committee for purposes of investigation by the Committee;

A report by the Committee may be given at each Senate meeting;

When discovered, the Committee Chair must make a motion at the next official Senate meeting, to levy charges of Impeachment.