



RUSA Bill F18-1

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Bill to Update the RUSA Standing Rules

Whereas, it is important that RUSA Senators attend all Senate meetings,

Whereas, the proposed Standing Rules change aims to achieve this goal,

Be it hereby enacted that the Assembly amends its Standing Rules, Article XXIII Section 3 to read as follows:

3. RUSA Senators shall be permitted no unexcused absences from Senate meetings.
 - a. Any SAS Senator is not allowed any unexcused senate absences per Senate session. A Senate session shall be defined as starting during the organizational meeting of the Senate and continuing until the last meeting of the Senate for that academic year.
 - v. SAS Senators must request to have their absences excused by the Executive Secretary of the Senate.
 - vi. In addition to requesting that absences be excused by the Executive Secretary of the Senate, Senators must also request to have their absences excused by the RUSA SAS Senate Leader, subject to appeal to the Internal Affairs Committee. Senate absences can be excused multiple times by the SAS Senate Leader for the following reasons: personal injury/illness, family emergency, religious holiday, or irregularly-scheduled exam. Other excuses may be accepted at the discretion of the SAS Senate Leader.
 - vii. Absences which are not excused by both the Executive Secretary and SAS Senate Leader will be deemed unexcused.
 - viii. Any unexcused absences, upon conviction after a RUSA impeachment trial, will result in removal from their position as SAS Senator within RUSA, removing them from the University Senate.
 - b. SAS Senators shall not be permitted any unexcused absences from committee meetings per Senate session.
 - i. Excused absences for Senate committee meetings shall follow the same procedure outlined in Section 3(a) above.

- c. Absences must be excused by the appropriate University Senate authorities and the SAS Senate Leader. Denials of excuse requests by the SAS Senate Leader may be appealed to the Internal Affairs Committee.

Be it further resolved, this bill shall not apply to absences accrued while the previous Senate attendance policy was in effect.

RUSA President

Date