Student Government Rules Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26th, 2026

Attendance

Senator Name	Senator's Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Manuel Fernandez	Chair	Present	
Gennai Lewis	Vice Chair	Present	
Brayan Fernandez	Member	Present	
Isabella Zambrano	Member	Present	
Edward Ng	Member	Present	
Taylor Peralta	Member	Absent	No reason provided
Melissa Sosa	Member	Absent	No reason provided
Sarah Currea	Member	Absent	No reason provided

1. Call to Order at 3:15 PM.
2. Roll Call – Quorum established
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of previous meeting minutes
5. Committee Leadership Reports
    a. Chair's Report — No report.

b. Vice Chair's Report – No report.

6. New Business
    a. Review of Committee Membership Requirements
        i. Chair Fernandez led discussion on the Senate Rules of Procedure, beginning with Rule 1.
        ii. Vice Chair Lewis read Rule 1 aloud and the Committee discussed the Rule.
        iii. Members expressed their desire to see forms of "punishment" included in the Rules for not meeting requirements, particularly with Rule 1, Section 2, where Senate Leadership is required to host one meeting per semester with the Chairs of all committees present.
        iv. Members questioned what happens if Leadership does not comply with the Rule and what sort of punishment comes from it. Chair Fernandez clarified that many Senate requirements are not followed by written punishments for noncompliance. No action was immediately taken.
        v. Chair Fernandez and Vice Chair Lewis brought up a concern from the Internal Affairs Committee, that there are no outlined forms to reprimand Senators who do not complete their office hours, tabling, or other requirements, and that the Rules Committee should take action on this.
        vi. Senator B. Fernandez read Rule 2. There were no issues with Rule 2.
        vii. Chair Fernandez began reading Rule 3. The Committee began deliberations on Sections 2 and 3 of Rule 3, discussing possibly lowering the amount of absences allowed within committees to three. No action was taken.
        viii. The Committee also discussed the possibility of adopting a framework for the Rules Bill it will produce and provide to the Senate as a whole, including floating the idea of using Chair Fernandez's draft as its own.
        ix. The Committee was unable to fulfill the agenda and finish reading Rules 3 and 4. Those will be added to the agenda for the following meeting.
7. For the Good of the Order
    a. Members did not have additional comments.
8. Adjournment – 3:55 PM.