



Student Assembly

Resolution 13: Amending the Attendance Policy of the Student Assembly

Abstract: This resolution clarifies the Attendance Policy of the Student Assembly as defined in the Bylaws.

Sponsored by: President deRham '27, VP Suarez '27

Type of Action: Internal Policy

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Whereas, the Student Assembly has nearly failed to reach quorum on several occasions during the 2024-2025 Term.

Whereas, Article IV, Section 7, Subsection A of the Student Assembly Charter states that “each voting member of the Assembly shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Assembly.”

Whereas, Article IV, Section 8, Subsection B of the Bylaws states that “attendance at all organizational and specially scheduled meetings is required.”

Whereas, the governing documents remain unclear regarding the specifics of the classification of an absence, as well as the consequences of failing to adhere to the attendance policy.

Be it therefore resolved, Article IV, Section 8 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck and replaced with:

Section 8: Attendance Policy

- A. Attendance at all organizational and specially scheduled meetings is required, when the Executive Board provides Assembly members at least 72-hours prior notice of the meeting.
 - B. Any member who fails to attend a required meeting or event without having such absence excused shall be considered absent. The Standing Rules shall define the standard to which absences are excused.
 - C. A maximum of three consecutive, three per semester, or five per Assembly term absences may be excused. A 2/3 vote of the Assembly may waive this provision under extenuating circumstances.
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- 30 D. Any late arrival or early departure from a required meeting will result in a half-
31 absence. Late arrival shall be defined as any point after the Call of the Roll.
32 Virtual attendance, if authorized in the Standing Rules, shall count as a half-
33 absence. Submission of a proxy shall not count as attendance.
- 34 E. If it is determined that a member has accrued four or more unexcused absences,
35 an Officer of the Assembly must call for a vote on unseating the member at the
36 next regular meeting. If the Assembly, by majority vote, votes to unseat the
37 member, the unseated member has not vacated the seat, but does not count for
38 quorum and cannot vote until they have been resealed. The vote to unseat shall
39 not be held without prior notification to the member.
- 40 F. If the unseated member of the Assembly does not acknowledge the vote to unseat
41 within two weeks of such a vote by declaring a desire to be resealed, their seat is
42 considered vacated.
- 43 G. If the unseated member of the Assembly desires to be resealed, the member may
44 call for one 2/3 vote of the Assembly to be resealed. The motion may not be
45 postponed until after an agenda item requiring a vote without the unseated
46 member's consent. If the motion to reseat the member passes, the member is
47 resealed immediately with all rights restored. If the motion to reseat the member
48 fails, the Assembly shall immediately consider a vote to remove the member.
- 49 H. If the unseated member of the Assembly does not desire to be reinstated, their seat
50 is considered vacated upon notification to the President or Vice President of
51 Internal Operations.

52 **Be it further resolved,** the following be appended to Rule 101(B) of the Standing Rules of the
53 Student Assembly:

54 Absences may be excused for religious observances, health reasons, academic reasons, or
55 varsity sports matches. Other reasons shall be individually considered at the discretion
56 of the President or Vice President of Internal Operations.

57 **Be it finally resolved,** the following be inserted as Rule 101(G) of the Standing Rules of the
58 Student Assembly:

59 Members shall be allowed to attend Assembly meetings through the Zoom meeting
60 provided by the Office of the Assemblies. However, such attendance will accrue a half-
61 absence as provided by the Bylaws.

62 Respectfully Submitted,



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