

**FAC - Proposed Change to Senate Rules – As Approved by FAC – 5.6.19**

**Article III – Officers...**

**Section 7. Removal of Senate Officers**

Any officer of the Senate may be removed from office for failure to perform the specified duties of their office; misconduct or behavior incompatible with the duties or status of their office; and/or conduct detrimental to their office.

The removal process will be initiated at such a time as ten (10) faculty senators who represent at least five (5) different departments/units from at least two (2) different colleges sign and submit a petition for the removal of a named Senate officer to the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee. Within two (2) business days after its receipt, a copy of the petition will be provided to both the named officer and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Upon receipt of the petition, the Faculty Steering Committee will place the matter on the Faculty Senate’s agenda.

If submitted to the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee at least 21 days before the next scheduled Faculty Senate meeting, the petition will be heard and considered at that meeting. If submitted less than 21 days before the next scheduled Faculty Senate meeting, the petition will be heard and considered at the subsequent meeting. A motion to remove an officer cannot be heard at the summer meeting of the Senate.

When presented to the Senate, the petition will constitute a motion (seconded) for the removal of the named officer. Quorum must exist for the Senate to consider and vote on the motion.

In the Senate meeting at which the motion is heard, the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee will present the motion and serve as chair for the period in which the motion is under consideration.; an individual selected by the petitioners will be afforded sufficient time to detail the charges; the officer named in the petition will be afforded equal time to reply to the petitioner’s charges.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Faculty Senate present is required to remove an officer of the Senate.

In the event that the Chair of the Senate is removed from office, the Chair-elect will immediately assume the position of Chair. The new chair will serve the remainder of the previous chair’s term and then a full term as defined in Article III, section 2.

Upon the removal of a Chair, an election for a new Chair-elect will be called in accordance with Article III, section 2 and provisions (a) and (b) of Article III, Section 6.