CHAPTER XIX

The Legislative Process and Regulations

Section 1. Establishment

(a) This Chapter shall govern the ASUCR Legislative Process for all Senate legislation, including bills and resolutions.

(b) The Legislative Process is a procedural process that ensures all proposed legislation follows the correct formatting and proper submission to the Senate.

Section 2. Definition

(a) All legislation passed by the Senate shall be in the form of an ASUCR Bill or an ASUCR Resolution, and shall be defined as follows,

(i) An ASUCR Bill shall be defined as an amendment to current ASUCR bylaws, an enactment of a proposed bylaw, or a proposal for a constitutional amendment.

(ii) An ASUCR Resolution shall be defined as an expression of a non-binding position of the Senate.

Section 3. Introduction

(a) Any members of ASUCR as defined by Article I, Section B of the ASUCR Constitution may draft a bill.

(i) All drafted legislation shall be introduced by at least one voting member of the Senate, in which becomes the sponsor of the legislation.

(b) The drafted legislation shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of a Legislative Review Committee meeting.

(i) For the drafted legislation to be considered by the Legislative Review Committee, the following must be completed prior to submission,

(1) Name of Primary Author(s)

(2) Name of Secondary Author(s)

   a) Secondary Author(s) shall be optional.

(3) Name of Sponsor(s)

   a) Any legislation written by a senator does not require an additional sponsor.

(4) Title of the Legislation
(5) Legislation Content

a) For an ASUCR Bill, a background shall be included to describe the reasons for an amendment or enactment along with proposed changes.

b) For an ASUCR Resolution, the content shall be finalized and well-written.

Section 4. Committee Action

(a) In the absence of the primary authors and sponsors, the President Pro Tempore shall present the drafted legislation to the Legislative Review Committee on their behalf.

(b) The Legislative Review Committee shall consider the drafted legislation by debate prior to voting.

   (i) Any minor amendments that do not alter its meaning, such as fixation of typographical errors or grammatical errors shall be amended.

   (ii) Any major amendments that alter its meaning shall be tabled, and the primary authors and sponsors shall be notified by the President Pro Tempore. The drafted legislation shall be tabled until the suggestive amendments are amended.

(c) The President Pro Tempore or a designated committee member shall record the legislation introduction date, all committee actions and date, and vote count.

(d) The legislation must receive a majority vote in the Legislative Review Committee prior introducing to the Senate.

Section 5. Senate Action

(a) The President Pro Tempore shall present the drafted legislation to the Senate or yield time to the primary authors and sponsors.

(b) The Senate shall consider the drafted legislation by debate prior to voting.

   (i) The amendment process in the Legislative Review Committee shall be the same as Senate Meeting.

(c) The Senate Secretary shall record the senate actions and date, and vote count.

(d) The legislation must receive the minimum required votes from the Senate prior to receiving the signature from the Executive Vice President.
Section 6. Final Actions

(a) The Executive Vice President has forty-eight hours to sign the legislation to verify the Senate approval with the statutory minimum number of votes.

(i) Any legislation not signed within forty-eight hours will automatically be in effective.

(b) The Executive Cabinet has seven business days to veto a bill in pursuant to Article IV, Section F of the Constitution.

(i) The Executive Cabinet can not veto the legislation, if the legislation received a unanimous vote from the Senate.

(ii) The Senate has fourteen business days to override the veto with a unanimous vote upon receiving a veto from the Executive Cabinet.

(1) All members that voted on the legislation shall required to be present during the veto override discussion and voting.

(c) The Senate Secretary shall submit the legislation to the ASUCR Executive Director and ASUCR Webmaster.

(i) The ASUCR Executive Director shall amend or enact, in accordance to the newly passed legislation.

(ii) The ASUCR Webmaster shall post the newly passed legislation on the official ASUCR website.

Section 7. Limitations

(a) The proposed legislation can not supersede ASUCR Constitution and Bylaws, unless previously amended for changes and following proper procedures.

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