

# PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

## BILL 18-31

### *“Amendment to Senate Standing Rules Article VI”*

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Assigned to:  
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Action(s):  
President Pro Tempore: Spencer Henderson  
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*WHEREAS*, the Purdue Student Government Senate Standing Rules are to be maintained in accordance with Article II, Section 1, Part A, Subsection 4(c) of the Purdue Student Government Constitution; and

*WHEREAS*, it would be beneficial to have more in-depth regulations of Senate committees; and

*WHEREAS*, Article VI of the current Standing Rules do not follow Robert’s Rules of Order; and;

*WHEREAS*, revision of Article VI of the Senate Standing Rules may provide more clarification for the order of holding committees;

### **Therefore, be it ENACTED,**

that the proposed rewritten text of “ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEE PROCEDURE” read as follows:

#### SECTION 1. CLOSED MEETINGS

1. All members of the public have a right to be present at committee meetings to present their views.
2. It is up to the discretion of the committee if the deliberation of the meeting will be closed to the public.

#### SECTION 2. INITIATION OF MEETINGS IN ABSENCE OF CHAIR

1. A meeting may be called by agreement of two members of a committee.
2. Meetings summoned by members of a committee must give two days notice of said meeting and must meet quorum.

#### SECTION 3. REQUIREMENT FOR FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

1. Committees are to meet no less than once per month.

2. When assigned a piece of legislation, committees must convene to vote on the legislation within four weeks of the committee chair receiving it.

#### SECTION 4. PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

1. A committee chair may be removed from his/her position if:
  - a. the President Pro-Tempore along with one-half of the respective committee calls for removal; or
  - b. two-thirds of the respective committee calls for removal of the chair
2. The committee chair in question may not be present during discussion or voting of his/her removal.
3. A person who is removed from a chair position may remain on the committee, or be moved to a different committee, at the discretion of the President Pro-Tempore.

#### SECTION 5. DEBATE WITHIN COMMITTEES

1. Motions to terminate or limit debate are not allowed in committee meetings.
2. There are no limits to the number of times members of a committee member may speak.

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Student Body President

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