

75th Senate



S.R. 29B

Summer Session

Bill Type: Bylaws Change

A Bill To Introduce the Annual Senate Strategic Vision Plan

A bill, brought by **Senator Dan Siddiqui**, joined by **Senator Leiya Kadah** to create a formalized process for Senate Leadership and the Senate Executive Committee to set and achieve a practical and time-based legislative agenda for their Senate cohort during their term that will tangibly benefit the student body.

***Whereas**, historically ASUCSB Senate cohorts have focused on positional resolutions relating to events occurring on campus but also at the local, state, and federal level; and,*

***Whereas**, the 75th ASUCSB Senate acknowledges the importance of positional resolutions in certain instances, but also recognizes that the majority of these resolutions have little to no impact on the students we serve; and,*

***Whereas**, most legislative bodies at the local, state, and federal level set a legislative agenda each term to ensure they have concrete goals and a method to attain them; and,*

***Whereas**, the [University of California Student Association \(UCSA\)](#) has five yearly campaigns which new goals are set around each year, making them a successful and efficient lobbying organization that positively impacts students; and,*

***Whereas**, [The Committee Rework Act](#) transformed the four senate standing committees to be more project-oriented and impact based, focusing on lobbying university administration to attain tangible demands; and,*

***Whereas**, the [Senate Strategic Vision Plan](#) provides a system for each senate cohort to set tangible goals for each of the senate standing, administrative, and ad-hoc*

committees during their term to ensure they maximize the positive impact delivered to the student body; and,

*Therefore, be it enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the following clauses will go into effect in the Bylaws of the AS Legal Code under **Article VI—Legislative Branch, Senate, Section 3:***

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORES

A) The Shared Duties of the President Pro Tempores

- 1) Will, when requested, provide assistance and guidance to all Senators.
- 2) Will ensure—through organization, management, delegation, and administrative work—that the Senate is able to function within all of its enumerated constitutional responsibilities.
- 3) Will promote and facilitate collaboration across Standing Committees.
- 4) Will hold working meetings in accessible locations.
- 5) Will attend all meetings of the Office of the Internal Vice President, or remain informed of the contents thereof to the satisfaction of the Internal Vice President.
- 6) Will encourage vigorous debate, active participation, and informed discussion among the Senate.
- 7) Will participate in the Executive Committee of the Senate.
- 8) Will work with the Internal Vice-President to set the policy goals of the Senate each term and create an initial draft of the Annual Senate Strategic Vision Plan, consisting of long and short term goals/projects for all standing, administrative, and temporary committees by the beginning of Summer Session B.

B) The Duties of the First Senate President Pro-Tempore are as follows:

- 1) Shall follow up on all Action Items passed by the A.S. Senate and ensure that business is properly completed.
- 2) Be responsible for formulating the budget package of the Senate and presenting it at the Finance and Business Committee budget allocation hearings.
- 3) Will serve as Vice Chair of the Honoraria Committee.
- 4) In the event that the office of the Internal Vice President becomes vacant; the First Pro-Tempore shall serve as Vice President of Internal Affairs until a new Internal Vice President is duly elected.

- 5) May delegate responsibilities, including chairships, with the consent of the recipient, to the Second President Pro-Tempore.

C) The Duties of the Second Senate President Pro-Tempore are as follows:

- 1) The Second Pro-Tempore shall assume all the responsibilities of the First Pro-Tempore in the absence of the First President Pro-Tempore. In the event that the First Pro-Tempore and Second Pro-Tempore cannot attend or has a proxy for an Associated Student's Senate meeting, the position and its responsibilities shall be temporarily filled by an elected member of the Senate chosen by the chair, with two thirds (2/3) approval of Senate.

- 2) ~~Shall make an annual report at the first regular Senate meeting during Winter quarter. This report shall consist of an overview of current A.S. boycotts, including the dates and bill numbers under which said boycotts were enacted, and those bills' stated reasons for the enactment of said boycotts.~~

Therefore, be it further enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the following clauses will go into effect in the Bylaws of the AS Legal Code under ***Article VI—Legislative Branch, Senate, Section 22:***

SECTION 22. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A) Charge of the Committee

- 1) The Executive Committee ("ExComm") comprises the core leadership of the Senate, which includes the Internal Vice President, the First and Second President Pro Tempore, and Chairs of all Standing Committees. The Charge of this Committee is to facilitate the delivery of honoraria, the filling of Senate vacancies, **and** policy formulation and implementation of special projects. ExComm will oversee various Ad Hoc and Temporary Committees.

B) Voting Membership

- 1) One (1) Chair (Internal Vice President)
- 2) One (1) Vice Chair (First President Pro Tempore)
- 3) One (1) Second President Pro Tempore
- 4) One (1) Negotiation Committee Chair
- 5) One (1) Liaison Committee Chair
- 6) One (1) Outreach Committee Chair
- 7) One (1) Finance Committee Chair
- 8) Two (2) Senators, as described in Section 21. Executive Committee Subsection C.7

C) Duties and Powers of the Committee

- 1) No legislation will be referred to this committee for adjustments or amendments.

- 2) Meet at least three times per quarter to discuss the policy goals of the Senate on a quarter-by-quarter basis.
 - a) One of the three minimum meetings must be convened in Week 7 of every quarter to discuss the implementation of Honoraria.
 - b) Two of three minimum meetings must be convened prior to Week 7 to discuss topics that include, but are not limited to, strategic goals, Senate vacancies, or Senate special projects.
- 3) Maintain accountability of Senators by drafting quarterly reports to present to the Senate on the ongoing work, accomplishments, and future priorities of each standing committee.
- 4) Meet additional times as necessary throughout the quarter to maintain legislative continuity and ensure compliance with Legal Code directives.
- 5) Along with the Chair, the Vice Chair reserves the right to convene any ExComm meeting.
 - a) If neither the Vice Chair or Chair convene the Week 7 Honoraria-specific ExComm meeting to begin Honoraria considerations, any Committee Chair may convene the meeting to begin the Honoraria process and ensure Honoraria is sent out at an appropriate time.
- 6) Be solely empowered to recommend to the Presiding Officer of the Senate that they place before the Senate a motion to lawfully expel a Senator.
- 7) The Executive Committee will contain two (2) Senators randomly selected from the pool of senators serving in the Senate.
- 8) Review the initial draft of the Senate Strategic Vision Plan created by Senate leadership and propose amendments and/or revisions. All amendments and/or revisions must be completed and approved by a 2/3's vote of the Senate Executive Committee before the first week of Fall Quarter each term.

Therefore, be it finally enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the following clauses will go into effect in the Bylaws of the AS Legal Code under **Article VI—Legislative Branch, Senate, Section 2:**

SECTION 2. SENATE MEMBERS' DUTIES

Senate Members shall:

- A) Agree to the condition that Associated Students' responsibilities take precedence over any other extracurricular activity.

1) In order to fully commit themselves to their duties, may not be appointed as staff-members in any executive office, and must limit their official capacity in AS entities to their duties as either Senate liaisons or general members. This prohibition will not be construed to extend to external bodies, coalitions in which the Associated Students is a member organization, or entities on campus within whom the Association holds a position of shared governance.

B) Attend all regularly scheduled Senate meetings.

C) Maintain a strong connection with their constituency and attempt to respond to all formal inquiries directed to their office in a timely manner.

D) Agree to hold a minimum of three (3) regularly scheduled, and advertised, office hours per week.

1) Office Hours will be held according to their Committee work

a) Liaison Committee senators will hold office hours related to their Liaison Committee function

E) Serve as an active member of Senate Temporary Committees as needed.

F) Residential Senators shall attend meetings specific to their position.

1) Off-Campus Senators:

a) Shall attend at least three (3) community meetings per quarter from the list below.

aa) Isla Vista Community Service District Board Meeting (IVCSD)

bb) County Board of Supervisors, Goleta City Council, Santa Barbara City Council, Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District Meeting

cc) All other community meetings approved by the Internal Vice President.

2) On-Campus Senators:

a) Shall attend at least three (3) Residential Housing Association (RHA) meetings per quarter.

3) University Owned Housing Senators:

a) Shall attend at least three (3) Single Student Apartment Community Council (SSACC) meetings.

G) Collegiate Senators shall attend meetings relevant to the colleges they represent.

1) Letters and Sciences (L&S) Senators:

a) Shall each have their own division of the college to represent, and shall meet with the Dean of their division at least once per quarter.

aa) Humanities and Fine Arts Dean

bb) Social Sciences Dean

cc) Mathematical and Life Science Dean

dd) Undergraduate Education Dean

2) The College of Creative Studies (CCS) Senator:

a) Shall attend at least three (3) College of Creative Studies Community Council meetings per quarter.

3) The College of Engineering (CoE) Senator:

a) Shall attend at least three (3) Engineering Student Council meetings per quarter.

H) Transfer Senators shall attend meetings specific to their position.

1) Transfer Senator:

a) Will attend at least three (3) meetings total per quarter from any of the following organizations:

aa) SACC

bb) Residential Hall Association (RHA)

cc) Transfer Student Alliance (TSA)

I) International Senators shall attend meetings specific to their position.

1) International Senator:

a) Shall meet with the Office of International Students and Scholars at least one (1) time per quarter.

b) Shall attend at least one (1) cultural OSL group's meeting per quarter.

c) Shall attend at least six (6) Global Gaucho Commission meetings per quarter.

J) Undertake four (4) or five (5) Group Projects as an entire Senate during their term of office.

1) Each Senate member shall participate in at least one (1) group project.

2) This project is intended to be long-term in nature and should either leave a lasting impression and/or be of great importance to ASUCSB.

3) Weekly reports shall be made to Senate on the group project's progress during Temporary Committee Reports.

4) All group project temporary committees must be passed by the Senate through an organizational resolution. The resolution shall include a list of who is working on the project and their specific duties, the goals of the project, the actions that will be taken to complete the project, and what has already been done to accomplish the project.

5) Members of each group shall be responsible for all phases of their specific group project and must meet frequently throughout the quarter.

6) At the end of each quarter, each group shall be responsible for evaluating the progress of their project and the groups' overall performance through an evaluation created by the Internal Vice President and the First Pro-Tempore.

7) By the end of the term, each group project shall be responsible for a write-up of a draft. Included in this draft shall be a description of what has been accomplished and the steps taken to complete the project. If a group project is not completed, the draft shall include the people to contact and the proposed action to take to accomplish the project in full. This draft shall be presented to the newly elected Senate and be put on file permanently.

K) Be present at 40% of Budget Hearings as outlined in Article IV, Section 4 of the Associated Students By-Laws.

L) Shall remember that they are elected to the ASUCSB Senate for the sole purpose of serving students and shall during Senate meetings, show the highest degree of respect, regard, and decency to their fellow students.

M) Be highly encouraged to participate in a community service event at least once a quarter.

N) Attend the mandatory A.S. Senate Training.

A) The A.S. Senate Training will be conducted by the Internal Vice President, the First President Pro-Tempore, and the Second President Pro-Tempore.

B) The A.S. Senate Training may be funded by the Leadership Fund or Senate Unallocated.

C) The A.S. Senate Training should prioritize Robert's Rules of Order, framing legislation, and project planning.

a) Project planning should encompass critical issues, policy formation, and implementation.

O) Serve as temporary mentors of the same position for incoming Senators, and shall sign off on at least one (1) contract hour per week beginning directly after elections up until the oath of office. (This time can be used to answer questions, give advice, show around the office, delineate job description, go over parliamentary procedures, current issues, recurrent issues, philosophies of being a Senator, etc.).

P) Outgoing members shall be required to type up an easy to read, transition report on what they learned, and tips for the future. This report is to be printed out and kept in a binder in the A.S. Main Office. This binder shall be a point of reference for any Senator in the future.

Q) All Senators shall collectively hold one (1) forum per quarter to be held in a location on campus, Isla Vista, or any other place accessible for UCSB Students.

R) Submit by the start of Week 8 of each quarter an Accountability Form, detailing the completion of all Senate duties with appropriate documentation to the Director of Accountability.

S) All representatives shall submit a brief bi-weekly check-in to the Internal Vice President by the first Sunday of the month at 11:59pm that encompasses:

- 1) Plans for upcoming two weeks
- 2) Questions and concerns

T) Review the draft of the Senate Strategic Vision Plan ratified by the Senate Executive Committee and propose amendments and/or revisions. All amendments and/or revisions must be completed and approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ 'rd's vote of the entire Senate by the Week 3 Senate meeting of Fall Quarter each term. Once approved and ratified, the senate web developer in the IVP Office shall update the Senate Strategic Vision Plan section on the ASUCSB Senate. The Senate media coordinator in the IVP office shall also work on advertising the strategic plan across all social media platforms.

U) During any future senate meeting after Week 3 of Fall, any part of the Strategic Vision Plan can be amended with a $\frac{2}{3}$ 'rds voting approval of the senate to allow for flexibility as goals evolve throughout the year. The senate web developer shall update the senate website accordingly. The Strategic Vision Plan should also incorporate High-Impact Projects (HIPs) that senators work on throughout the year, which must be added to the Strategic Vision Plan via a motion made under the Action Items portion of the Senate agenda.