
SENATE BILL
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TITLE	Amending Chapter 8 Bylaws
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BACKGROUND

This bill aims to clarify the extent to which LRC Senators provide subjective feedback to primary authors on the LRC floor. With around $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Senate sitting on the committee, we feel it redundant to omit any subjective opinion whatsoever on the LRC floor, especially if 1) the primary author is open to hearing subjective feedback and 2) it reduces dissenting opinions on the Senate floor. Overall, this bill intends to clarify the role of LRC as a whole. The change from one year to 9 months for the President Pro Tempore is to reflect the pay of the PPT, which is compensated as a 9 month position, in accordance with Chapter 19 - Stipends and Regulations of the ASUCR bylaws, as well as Chapter 6 - ASUCR Senators.

THE ASUCR SENATE HEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER V OF THE ASUCR BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS,

CHAPTER VIII

President Pro Tempore & Legislative Review Committee (LRC)

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Section 1. Governance

This Article, in conjunction with the ASUCR Constitution, shall govern the President Pro Tempore.

Section 2. Term

The President Pro Tempore shall be elected by the incoming Senate-elect before the end of Spring quarter of said election. The President Pro Tempore shall serve ~~for one year~~ **a nine (9) month term** ~~beginning the day~~ following commencement.

Section 3. Purpose

The President Pro Tempore is responsible for coordinating and conducting Legislative Review Committee meetings. The President Pro Tempore also presents bills and resolutions to the Senate for a vote. The President Pro Tempore is to conduct Senate meetings in the absence of the Executive Vice President.

Section 4. Duties and Description

The President Pro Tempore shall-

- 1) preside over Senate meetings in the event that the Executive Vice President is absent;
- 2) assume all duties of the chair until the Executive Vice President is present or is capable of assuming his/her/their duties.
- 3) serve as liaison between the subcommittees of the Senate, and the President and Executive Vice President;
- 4) execute all other duties as assigned by the Senate;
- 5) act as Chair of the Legislative Review Committee;
- 6) keep an electronic and print form of the ASUCR Constitution and Bylaws that shall be updated within two school weeks of any additions or changes passed by the Student Senate.
- 7) submit all new/updated legislation to Senate forty-eight (48) hours prior to its vote.
- 8) attend Executive Cabinet meetings as an ex-officio member.
- 9) submit, within 48 hours, all Senate approved and signed resolutions that involve specific groups or people (e.g, UCR faculty or staff members) to the ASUCR Executive Director so that it can be sent to anyone it may concern.

Section 5. Constitution and Bylaw Maintenance

The Constitution and bylaws should be maintained according to the following procedures-

- 1) At the start of their term, the President Pro Tempore can obtain a recent copy of the ASUCR constitution and bylaws from either the ASUCR website or the Executive Director and Financial Operations Manager
- 2) During the President Pro Tempore's term, and in consultation with the ASUCR Executive Director, they must regularly check that all bylaws are being updated. If there are any changes to bylaws, they must align with and uphold the ASUCR Constitution.

Section 6. Appointment, Removal, and Vacancy

Appointment, Removal, and Vacancy –

- 1) Appointment - In conjunction with Section 2, the The President Pro Tempore shall be appointed by the incoming Senate, as prescribed in the ASUCR Constitution, at their first official meeting;
- 2) Removal - Removal of the President Pro Tempore shall take effect immediately after a majority vote for removal during an official meeting of the Senate and after notice has been given;

- 3) Vacancy - Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Senate at an official meeting, after notice has been given.

Section 7. Legislative Review Committee

- 1) The Legislative Review Committee, addressed as LRC from here on, shall serve as a standing subcommittee under the Associated Students of the University of California, Riverside (ASUCR);
- 2) The LRC shall consist of seven (7) members of the Senate. Six (6) of these subcommittee members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore upon consultation with the President and Executive Vice President. The President Pro Tempore shall nominate the remaining six (6) voting members of the LRC. Upon vetting from the Senate and a majority approval, the nominated members shall be officially placed in the committee. The seventh subcommittee member shall be the President Pro Tempore, whom is designated as the Chairperson for the subcommittee. The ASUCR Executive Director and Parliamentarian serve as a non-voting, ex-officio members of LRC.
- 3) Upon selection of all seven (7) members of the LRC, the subcommittee will convene to elect and appoint its Vice Chairperson based on self-nominations made by committee members within the first two (2) weeks of Fall Quarter. If no self-nominations are made, then the Chairperson shall suggest an appointment.
- 4) All submitted legislation must be reviewed, edited, and approved by the LRC before moving to the floor of the Senate for discussion and vote;
- 5) The task of the LRC is to screen potential legislation for grammatical/spelling/formatting issues, completeness, **campus partner outreach (when applicable)**, and adherence to policies. Members of the committee shall refrain from offering subjective or political opinions when determining their votes on proposed legislation.
 - a) **If a primary author allows, subjective feedback from senators can be given on the LRC floor so long as committee members refrain from voting on the basis of subjective opinion.**
- 6) The LRC shall ensure that proposed legislation adheres to the ASUCR Constitution and Bylaws, and UCR and UCOP policies before presentation to the ASUCR Senate. If violations to these documents are found, the LRC may reject the legislation with a majority vote.
- 7) The LRC shall ensure that all proposed legislation is in compliance with the procedures of ASUCR in regards to Finance approval where applicable;
- 8) Each author shall be allowed seven (7) minutes to address the LRC, unless the LRC agrees on a time extension by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee when quorum is present.

Section 8. Chairperson

The Chairperson of the LRC shall:

- 1) Be responsible for gathering and archiving all necessary documents and information for all subcommittee meetings;
- 2) Be responsible for the meeting agendas, minutes, approved final drafts, and forwarding minutes and legislation to appropriate professional staff members;
- 3) Be responsible for properly numbering all resolutions, bylaws, standing orders, etc.
- 4) Be responsible for promptly setting and announcing an official date and time for consistent LRC meetings by the week 1 of every new quarter;
- 5) Serve as the official intermediary in the line of communication between the LRC and the Senate, relaying all relevant documents and information to the Executive Vice President that is to be addressed during Senate Meetings;

- 6) Lead and direct the LRC during meetings in a proactive and administrative manner;
- 7) Perform all duties pertaining to the LRC as required by the President and/or Senate;
- 8) Appoint the Vice Chairperson of the LRC based on self-nominations made by committee members within the first two (2) weeks of Fall Quarter; if no self-nominations are made, then the Chairperson should suggest an appointment.
- 9) Maintain and record electronic copies of all bills in an electronic folder, which will be reviewed and utilized to update the Bylaws. At the end of the year, these files will be given to the ASUCR Executive Director for permanent storage.

Section 9. Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson of the LRC shall:

- 1) Perform all clerical or secretarial duties as required by the Chairperson (i.e. mass member emails, schedule setting, correcting/editing documents for final approval, etc.);
- 2) Attend all LRC meetings and serve as the interim Chairperson when the Chairperson is unavailable;
- 3) Be responsible for taking all minutes and recording committee votes during LRC meetings and sending them to the Chair and other relevant sources;
- 4) Shall be responsible for tracking the allocated time for proposed legislation;
- 5) Assist the Chairperson in gathering and archiving relevant files and documents;
- 6) Perform all other duties as prescribed by the Chairperson.

Section 10. Recommendations

- 1) Under the supervision of the Chairperson, the LRC shall assess, explore, and submit recommendations to the Senate regarding potential bylaw or policy changes;
- 2) Collectively brainstorm and write up rough drafts of newly proposed legislation, whether it be a bill, resolution, etc.;
- 3) Review, assess, and edit any submitted rough draft legislation;

Section 11. Amendments

- 1) Any amendment for this chapter requires **approval from** 2/3 of voting members (5) during Legislative Review Committee meeting, and 2/3 of voting senators during Senate meeting when quorum is present.

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Signed Legislation can be found in the ASUCR Office

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