

Georgia College & State University
Student Government Association

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President Pro Tempore Hundley

A RESOLUTION

To amend Article III, Section H of the Constitution of the Georgia College & State University Student Government Association to exclude the Senator Absence Policy, and to add an additional section, Section I, which will contain a more perfect description of the Senator Absence Policy, what qualifies as a binding absence, and the authority of Student Government executives, committee chairs, and other senators as so far as designating university events as mandatory is concerned.

WHEREAS, currently the only mention of the Senator Absence Policy is a single sentence in Section H, which reads as follows: “In the event that a Senator has accumulated three (3) unexcused absences from scheduled meetings and/or events, the Senator shall be removed from office.”

WHEREAS, the current clause that supports the Absence Policy does not address what specific events, out of the many that SGA supports, are to require mandatory attendance.

WHEREAS, the current clause does not outline who is to have the authority to designate an event mandatory, nor how they are to go about designating said event.

WHEREAS, attendance is a cardinal duty of a student representative, and as such must be handled with the upmost seriousness, and, as the repercussions of being overly absent are severe, the conditions surrounding absences must be clear.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section H of the Constitution of the Georgia College & State University Student Government Association shall read as follows:
“If the seat of a Senator shall be vacated by resignation, academic probation, recall election, non-enrollment at Georgia College & State University, or otherwise, the Student Government Association President shall appoint a new Senator of any classification. The newly elected/appointed Senator shall take office during the next regularly scheduled Student Government Association meeting, after taking the ‘Oath of Office.’”

AND WHEREAS, the newly created Article III, Section I of the Constitution of the Georgia College & State University Student Government Association shall read as follows:
“Senator Absence Policy:

1. In the event that a Senator has accumulated three (3) unexcused absences from scheduled meetings and/or events, the Senator shall be removed from office.
2. Mandatory meetings include regular meetings of the Senate, and a particular Senator’s scheduled committee meetings (both standing committees and ad-hocs).
3. Additionally, committee chairs may make events directly associated with their committee mandatory for the members of their committee.

4. Any senator may propose an event to be mandatory for the Senate at large; however, said proposition must pass a simple majority roll call vote of the Senate.
5. Senators may be excused from mandatory events or regular meetings of the Senate provided that they contact the Clerk of the Senate and present a valid excuse at least 24 hours in advance.
6. Senators wishing to be excused from committee meetings or events made mandatory by their committee chair must appeal to their respective committee chair for an excused absence.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article III, Section H of the Constitution of the Georgia College & State University Student Government Association be amended, and Section I be introduced so that the Student Government Association may conduct themselves with a more precise understanding of the Senator Absence Policy, and the rules that define it.

CLERK OF THE SENATE

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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