ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

***University of California, Santa Barbara***

***Senate Bill***

**Subject:** **A Bill to Facilitate Efficiency in Appointing Senate Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs**

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**Number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**FPP:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bill Type:**   **By-Laws** **Vote Required for Passage**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION***

 recommends to the A.S. Senate that the following action be taken:

Pass As Written: Pass With Amendments: Do Not Pass:

Refer To Committee:

Recommended by a Vote Of: Chairperson's initials:

***STUDENT -SPONSORED LEGISLATION***

Student Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student Co-Sponsor:

The Student-Sponsored Resolution Liaison has insured that this Student-Sponsored Resolution is correct in its form and adherence to the *ASUCSB Legal Code*.

Pass As Written: Pass With Amendments: Do Not Pass:

Refer To Ad-Hoc Committee:

##### *Fiscal Impact*

Amount: $0 Account:

**A Bill to Update ASUCSB Terminology in Legal Code**

**Whereas:** Previously, the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Senate Standing Committees were nominated and voted upon within their respective Committee, and;[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Whereas:** However, in “63 of the nation's 99 legislative chambers, committee chairs are appointed by the president of the Senate or the speaker of the House,” and;[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Whereas:** In ASUCSB, the Internal Vice President serves as the President of the Senate;

**Whereas:** The Internal Vice President should have the right to appoint dedicated and expert Senators to the Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of each Committee so that each Committee can immediately begin its legislative work rather than having to use up time for electing a Chair and Vice Chair.

**Therefore let it be enacted by the Associated Students in the Senate assembled:** That Article XII, Section 6 of the Associated Students Legal Code By-Laws be updated.

**ARTICLE XII – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

*SECTION 6.*

1) Unless otherwise noted in this article, Senate Standing and Administrative Committees shall be conducted according to the guidelines set forth for Senate Meetings, in Policy 1 of A.S. Policies and Procedures.

*STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR*

A)  ~~Each Committee shall, by a majority vote of the Committee, select a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its voting members.~~   *The Internal Vice President shall nominate the Chairs and the Vice Chairs for each Committee through an application process facilitated by the Office of the Internal Vice President.*

B)  The Committee Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve for the duration of the Session, unless removed from their positions by the election of a new Chair or Vice-Chair. These positions shall not rotate amongst the members of the Committee.

C)  The Committee Chair shall be responsible for:

* 1. 1)  Presiding at Committee meetings;
	2. 2)  Creating an agenda for the meetings;
	3. 3)  Informing Committee members of the meeting times and places;
	4. 4)  Reporting the Committee’s activities, proposals, amendments, attendance, and recommendations to the Senate;
	5. 5)  The effective functioning of the Committee;
	6. 6)  Carrying out any other duties as set forth in the By-Laws and/or assigned by the Senate or the Committee.

D)  The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair if the Chair is not present at the Senate or Committee meeting -- or is temporarily or permanently unable to perform his/her duties. In the event that neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair is present at the Senate or Committee meeting, then the Committee may select a temporary Chair for that meeting.

E)  The Internal Vice President shall arrange, by unanimous consent of all Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each standing committee of the Senate, a special orientation session by the third Senate meeting of Fall Quarter. This orientation session shall instruct the Chairs and Vice-Chairs how to conduct a committee meeting properly. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory and will result in a committee absence for anyone not in attendance.

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1. Article XII, Section 6 of the Associated Students Legal Code By-Laws: “Each Committee shall, by a majority vote of the Committee, select a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its voting members.”  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. http://www.ncsl.org/research/about-state-legislatures/the-selection-of-committee-chairs.aspx [↑](#footnote-ref-2)