

Student Senate Standing Rules

Article I. Context

Section 1.

These Standing Rules recognize the supremacy of the Coe College Student Government Constitution and Student Government Bylaws. Should any provision of these rules conflict with the Constitution or the Bylaws, those documents shall hold supreme.

Section 2.

Excepting the previous Section, any provision of these Standing Rules may be suspended by a majority vote of the Student Senate.

Article II. Meetings

Section 1.

The Student Senate shall meet each week during the academic year on Wednesday evenings at seven o'clock. The time at which the Senate meets shall be voted upon during the first meeting of the semester, and shall require a majority vote of the Student Senate. The Senate shall not meet during weeks in which academic break or final exams occur or during winter break. The Senate shall not meet on days when classes have been cancelled, including Flunk Day. To meet at a time outside of those outlined in this section shall require a motion to meet in such circumstances, and such a motion shall require a majority vote of the Student Senate.

Section 2.

The Chairperson shall determine the location of the Student Senate meetings. To the greatest extent possible, all meetings should be held in the same location every week. In the event that the meeting location must change, the Chairperson shall notify the Recording Secretary, who shall notify the Student Body of the alternate location. Hold a meeting at an off campus location shall require a twothirds vote of the Senate.

Section 3.

In the event of the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Communications Officer will fulfill the duties of the Recording Secretary.

Section 4.

Senators shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of Operational Committees given two days notice.

Section 5.

Senators shall be allowed a total of four (4) absences, including up to two (2) unexcused absences, from Student Senate per semester prior to removal from Senate. The excusal of

absences is up to the discretion of the chair; excused absence typically shall include absences due to class, athletics, extracurriculars, illness, but all instances will be considered individually.

Section 6.

The chair of the Senate and of the individual committees must inform a senator whether an absence will be excused or unexcused within 24 hours of receiving notification of the absence.