ARTICLE 8: LEGISLATION

Section 8.01: Authoring. The Student Senate extends the privilege of authoring legislation to the President, Vice-President, Directors, Chairpersons, Senators, Treasurer, Web Coordinator, Parliamentarian, Secretary, commissions, special committees, and select committees.

Section 8.02: Numbering. Each piece of legislation and every amendment shall be assigned a number upon preparation. The number for main motions shall first indicate the Senate session number, followed by a dash, a letter indicating its form ("R" for Resolution, "B" for Bill, "M" for Motion), and finally a number indicating its chronological order for the session. Amendments shall be chronologically numbered when prepared and shall indicate the number of the main motion which they amend.

Section 8.03: Form. The presiding officer shall rule out of order any bill or resolution not submitted in appropriate written form to senators and officers at least 24 hours prior to Senate consideration unless, in the opinion of the presiding officer, an emergency condition exists or the Senate votes to suspend this rule by a two-thirds vote. Even those matters considered in an emergency fashion must have at least two hours notice on the publicly posted agenda.

(8.03.1) Personal Matter: The presiding officer shall also rule out of order any resolution of a personal matter which could more appropriately be dealt with in the form of a letter. Letters on behalf of the Senate shall be brought up through a motion on the floor. These letters shall be authored by the maker of the motion, the vice-president and all concerned parties.

Section 8.04: Consideration of Bills. A bill may not be discussed or voted on during the first reading unless the Senate suspends this rule by a two-thirds vote. It shall be introduced during its first and second reading.

Section 8.05: Distribution. A copy of each piece of proposed legislation shall be distributed to each senator and member of the Executive Board. A copy of each piece of legislation adopted by the Senate shall be distributed to the Chair of the University Senate, Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Dean of Students and others as appropriate.

Section 8.06: Expiration. Any piece of legislation not adopted by the end of the session in which it was introduced shall expire.
**Section 8.07: Bylaw Amendments.** In accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Student Body Constitution, amendments to the bylaws must be adopted by a two-thirds vote with a mandatory one week period between introduction and approval.

**Section 8.08: Public Hearings.** For any Bill or Resolution a public hearing may be held. Immediately following the first reading of any Bill or Resolution, any voting member of the Senate may motion for a public hearing to be held. The motion requires a majority vote to pass.

**(Section 8.08.1): Public Hearing Procedure:** The public hearing must be held with at least 24 hours notice between the first reading and consideration of the Bill or Resolution. The public hearing shall be held at an accessible location, at a reasonable time and for a reasonable duration so that students may attend. The Bill or Resolution author or a co-author must be present at the public hearing as is responsible for setting up the hearing in coordination with the Public Relations Director. The Public Relations Director shall advertise the public hearings to the campus community.

**(Section 8.08.2): Mandatory Public Hearings.** Bills relating to the Organized Activities Budget, Student Technology Fee Budget Ranges, Differential Tuition Budget, Referendums, or Constitutional Amendments are required to have a public hearing between first reading and consideration in accordance with section 8.08.1 of these bylaws.