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Article I: System of Rules of Procedure

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All students who serve as officers or representatives of the Student Government Association (SGA), or any SGA entity, in any capacity, must comply with these Rules of Procedure. For the purposes of consistency with other SGA governing documents, it is clarified that references to represent the purposes of Procedure" contained herein are synonymous SGIA "Operating Codes" as referred to in the best plant Bod²

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§ 102 Amendment

Legal authority to amend the SGA Rules of Procedure rests with the Senate, in accordance with

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Article II: Senate

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§ 200 Purpose

As the legislative student

§ 202 Duties of the SGA Clerk

A. The SGA Clerk is charged with taking

§ 206 Call To Order

At the beginning of the Senate meeting, the Chair must call the meeting to order.

§ 207 Invocation LOI.

The Senate Invocation is read by a Senator chosen by the Chair following the Call to Order.

§ 208 Attendance

Attendance is taken by the Chair following the Senate Invocation.

- A. Attendance is taken alphabetically by last name.
- B. The Chair will mark "Yes" for Senators present, "Yes" for Senators who have established a proxy, or "No" for Senators absent without a proxy.
- C. Senators are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Joining a meeting by proxy is equivalent to being present. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendan & Gpolicy violation or report to the SGA SGA

§ 210 Approval of the Meeting Minutes

The Chair will display the Meeting Minutes and ask for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes.

- A. A Senator must motion to approve the Meeting Minutes.
 - a. A Senator must second the motion.
 - b. Approval of the Meeting Minutes requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.
- B. The Chair can alternatively approve the Meeting Minutes with unanimous consent.
 - a. The Chair asks for unanimous consent. If there are no objections then the Meeting Minutes stand approved.

§ 211 Open Forum

Open Forum occurs after the approval of the Meeting Minutes. Open Forum is a thirty minute time period at the beginning of each Senate for non-Senate guests to present issues before the Senate. Senators are not allowed to converse or address any issues brought forward by guests, unless the guests desire feedback. Each guest is limited to five minutes.

The Chair must close Open Forum when the time allotment runs out or there are no other non-Senate guests who wish to present.

§ 212 Executive Committee Reports

The Executive Committee Reports are given after Open Forum. During the Executive Committee Reports, the members of the Executive Committee will give a brief report summarizing progress of initiatives being undertaken by their offices and any relevant news from their committees and subcommittees in descending constitutional order.

- A. Each report should be less than two minutes.
- B. The Executive Committee Reports end when all Executive Committee members have finished reporting.

§ 213 Old Business

Old Business begins when the Executive Committee Reports have ended. Old Business is reserved for New Business that was not finished or addressed in the previous Senate meeting. Old Business and New Business are allotted a combined timeframe of one and a half hours, unless extended by the Chair. All items pushed into Old Business are addressed as if they were in New Business.

- A. Old Business does not have to appear on the Agenda if there is no previous business.
- B. Old Business ends when all items have been addressed or the allotted time expires.

§ 214 New Business

§ 218 Points

Points pause Senate in order to clarify or refocus the conversation. Points may

Motion Result

Motion to approve the Agenda. The Agenda is approved.

Motion to approve the Minutes. The Minutes are approved.

Motion to adjourn The meeting ends.

Motion to postpone indefinitely

The item is postponed until a later Senate

meeting or permanently abandoned, as

determined by the item's sponsor(s).

Motion to postpone until [date] The item is postponed until said date.

Motion to amend Document is amended.

Motion to allow non-Senators to speak

Speaking privileges are granted to non-Senate

members for the duration of the agenda item.

Motion to recess for [time of recess] Senate takes a recess of the given length.

§ 220 Process for Old and New Business Items

Old and New Business items are introduced in order of their places on the Agenda.

§ 220.1 Voting Items

A. Senate voting items are divided into four categories: Resolutions, Nominations, SGA Annual Operating Budget, and Program Support Expenditures.

a. Resolutions

i. Resolutions are defined as any legislation related to any matter of SGA, Club, or College Policy. Such items that call for a resolution to be made by the Senate include but are not limited to the allocation of SGA retained earnings account funds, internal annual operating budget transfers, chartering of a Club, amendment of a Club charter, etc. All other items not explicitly mentioned in § 220.B.b., § 220.B.c.,

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b. Nominations

 Nominations are defined as SGA President nominations, SEC Chair nominations, and willingness to serve nominations in accordance with the SGA Bylaws. Nominations do not call for a resolution and are instead directly approved by a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

c. SGA Annual Operating Budget

i. The SGA Annual Operating Budget is defined as the annual budget for the Skidmore College Student Government Association (SGA) that funds items including but not limited to SGA commitments, Club budgets, and the SEC budget for the academic year succeeding the academic year when it is approved. The SGA Annual Operating Budget years not caudd for a resolution and is instead directly approved by a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

d. Program Support Expenditures

- i. Program Support expenditures are defined as use of the SGA Annual Operating Budget's Program Support Fund in accordance with the SGA Bylaws. Program Support expenditures do not call for a resolution and are instead directly approved by a two-thirds majority of the Senate.
- B. The voting item procedure is the same for all categories and is divided into four parts.
 - a. Part One: The party involved applicance abrief presentation on the assisting item.
 - b. Part Two: The Senate body engages in a question and answer period for the Lipic individual(s) presenting the voting item.

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 - i. Senators are allowed to ask questions.
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- viii. If a Senator has already spoken once, they may raise their hand to rejoin the list.
 - ix. If someone who has not yet spoken raises their hand, they are placed on the list ahead of anyone who is on the list for the second time, and if someone has spoken twice, they are placed on the list ahead of anyone who is on the list for the third time, etc.
 - x. If the Chair caps the list, the Chair will not accept any new hands raised.
- c. Part Three: The Senate body engages in a discussion period on the voting item.
 - i. Senators are allowed to share their support for, opposition to, or neutrality on the particular voting item.
 - 1. Senators who wish to engage in discussion raise their hands.
 - the a. The Chair the list

§ 221 Amendments of Resolutions

A. Friendly Amendments

- a. A Friendly Amendment addresses grammatical or typographic errors to an item.
- b. Any Senator, or anyone presenting an item, may make a Friendly Amendment.
- c. The Chair will amend the item if they agree that the amendment qualifies as a "Friendly Amendment."

B. Clarification Amendments

- a. A Clarification Amendment changes the language, but not the nature, of an item.
- b. Any member of the party bringing an item may make a Clarification Amendment to it.
- c. If it is not readily clear that the change is a Clarification Amendment rather than a Substantial Amendment, the Chair may ask for a recess of the Senate session.
- d. During this recess, the party presenting the item should consult privately with a member of the Office of Leadership Activities who wishes to partake, as to whether or not the amendment is solely for clarification.
- e. At the end of this time suspension, the Senate session will resume and the new language, approved by the Chair, in conjunction with the Office of Leadership Activities representative, is presented and the item so amended.

C. Substantial Amendments

- a. A Substantial Amendment changes both the language and nature of an item.
- b. Up to two Substantial Amendments may be adopted for each item requiring a resolution.
- c. A Senator with the floor may motion to make a Substantial Amendment.
- d. The Senator must describe their proposed amendment.
- e. A Senator must second the motion to amend.
- f. The motioning Senator may withdraw their motion at any time, but Senators may not object to it; rather, they should make any objections clear in discussion on the amendment.
- g. The Chair will open discussion on the amendment.
- h. The Chair will start a new list for discussion specifically and solely concerning the amendment.



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- m. If the amendment does not pass, the amendment does not count as one of the two amendments that may be made on the item during the New Business session.
- n. Senators cast votes for amendments with a raise of hands.
- o. If the vote is too close to call by a count of hands, the Chair may take a vote in accordance with § 224 of the Senate Rules of Procedure.

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Reconsideration Reconsideration

- A. A Senator may make a Motion to Reconsider on any item requiring a resolution was previously rejected by the Senate bodyhrhuring the current or a previous Senate meeting.
- B. A motion to reconsider must be made by Senator who cast a "Yes" vote for the original item.
- C. The motion must be seconded by a Senator who cast a "No" vote for the original item.
- D. The Motion to Reconsider requires a three-fourths majority vote for passage.
- E. If the motion passes, the item will be reintroduced in Old Business at the next Senate D b H regions. d, %x] i + BM•%D 0
 - F. The item will be reintroduced without any amendments

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- iii. A detailed budget breakdown showing a complete list of all expenses by category that includes, at a minimum, the following categories:
 - 1. Article II: Legislative Branch Budget
 - 2. Article III: Executive Branch Budget
 - 3. Article IV: Judicial Branch Budget
 - 4. Article V: Events Branch Budget
 - 5. Article VI: Club Budgets
- D. For Program Support Expenditures

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i.	If a Senator did not assign a vote for their Proxy on a given item, the Proxy should remain silent.

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§ 304.3 Attendance

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§ 304.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the Committee on Operations is mandatory; the committee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Committee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance

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§ 404.3 Attendance

§ 404.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of Academic Council is mandatory; the committee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Committee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy violation report to the SGA Judicial Board. J

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Article V: Budget and Finance Committee

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§ 500 Name

This committee shall be called the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F).

§ 501 Mission

The Budget and Finance Committee shall act as the chief management body of all Student Government Association finances and funds. B&F will additionally serve as a financial resource

§ 504 Meetings

§ 504.1 Meeting Times

The Budget and Finance Committee shall meet once a week or at the discretion of the Chair.

§ 504.2 Agenda

The Chair is responsible for setting an agenda, sending it out to committee members in a timely manner, and bringing it to every Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

§ 504.3 Attendance

§ 504.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the Budget and Finance Committee is mandatory; the committee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Committee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy violation report to the SGA Judicial Board. However, absences for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in their family, impassable roads or weather, religious observance, quarantine, or school-sanctioned sports are excused and are not counted toward the two permitted absences as long as the Chair receives prior notice in accordance with § 504.3.2 of the Budget and Finance Committee Rules of Procedure.

§ 504.3.2 Prior Notice Requirement

If for some reason a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member must contact the Chair at least three hours in advance of the meeting and follow up with the Chair after the meeting, either with a written progress update or in an individual meeting organized by the Chair.

§ 505 Budget and Finance Committee Funds

§ 505.1 Procedure

The Budget and Finance Committee shall be the decision-making body for the Student Government Association funds outlined in this section with the authority to approve expenditures in accordance with Budget and Finance Committee Rules of Procedure § 502 and the following additional requirements:

- C. The Vice President for Financial Affairs must create an application process that openly advertises the fund to the Skidmore community, providing at least two weeks for advertisement before applications are considered.
- D. Applications may be reviewed on a rolling basis but the Vice President for Financial Affairs may create an application window that limits the fund's availability to certain parts of the academic year.

§ 505.2 Student Activity Financial Aid (SAFA)

The purpose of the Student Activity Financial Aid (SAFA) is to bridge the class inequality gap that exists due to the lack of financial

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§ 804.3 Attendance

§ 804.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the CSL Subcommittee on Sustainability is mandatory; the subcommittee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Subcommittee members are permitted

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§ 904.3 Attendance

§ 904.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the Committee on Institutional Diversity is mandatory; the committee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Committee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy violation report to the SGA Judicial Board. However, absences for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in their family, impassable roads or weather, religious observance, quarantine, or school-sanctioned sports are excused and are not counted toward the two permitted absences as long as the Chair receives prior notice in accordance with § 904.3.2 of the Committee on Institutional Diversity Rules of Procedure.

§ 904.3.2 Prior Notice Requirement

If for some reason a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member must contact the Chair at least three hours in advance of the meeting and follow up with the Chair after the meeting, either magnings with a written progress update or in an individual meeting organized DIWHP

Article X: CID Subcommittee on ADA

Approved by the Senate: April 30, 2024 Last Amended: May 10, 2024

§ 1000 Name

This subcommittee shall be called the CID Subcommittee on ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

§ 1001 Mission

The CID Subcommittee on ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) shall be the primary advisor to the SGA on all matters of accessibility. This subcommittee shall recommend measures to improve ADA accessibility of on-campus facilities to administrators of Skidmore College and conduct focus group interviews with students, faculty, and staff.

§ 1002 Procedure

The CID Subcommittee on ADA Chair shall act as Chair of the subcommittee. All members except the Chair may have a vote. Quorum for voting shall require one-half of voting members to be present. All votes require a simple majority for passage. In the event of a tie in the voting the Chair is allowed to vote on the topic. Subcommittee meetings are public and visitors are welcome to attend. The CID Subcommittee on ADA shall operate in accordance with the SGA Constitution and Bylaws, the CID Subcommittee on ADA Rules of Procedure, and the Skidmore in College Honor Code.

§ 1003 Membership

The CID Subcommittee on ADA shall consist of the following: One chair and seven willingness to serve representatives who may be appointed at the chair's discretion. The CID Subcommittee on ADA chair may select a member of their subcommittee to serve as the Vice Chair.

§ 1004 Meetings

§ 1004.1 Meeting Times

The CID Subcommittee on ADA shall meet once a week or at the discretion of the Chair.

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- § 1004.3 Attendance
- § 1004.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the CID Subcommittee on ADA is mandatory; the subcommittee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Subcommittee members are permitted tw

Article XI: Engagement and Outreach Committee

Approved by the Senate: April 30, 2024 Last Amended: May 10, 2024

§ 1100 Name

This committee shall be called the Engagement and Outreach Committee (EOC).

§ 1101 Mission

The Engagement and Outreach Committee shall aid the Vice President for Engagement and Outreach with the management of SGA's engagement and outreach campaigns. EOC shall foster connections across different class years, collect valuable feedback from the student body, recruit students to SGA, and facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the campus climate within SGA. Additionally, this committee serves as a liaison with the Office of Leadership Activities (OLA) during elections to advertise open positions and host elections events.

§ 1102 Procedure

The Vice President for Engagement and Outreach shall act as Chair of the committee. All members except the Chair may have a vote. Quorum for voting shall require one-half of voting members to be present. All votes require a simple majority for passage. In the event of a tie in the voting the Chair is allowed to vote on the topic. Committee meetings are public and visitors are welcome to attend. The Engagement and Outreach Committee shall operate in accordance with the SGA Constitution and Bylaws, the Engagement and Outreach Committee Rules of Procedure, and the Skidmore College Honor Code.

§ 1103 Membership

The Engagement and Outreach Committee shall consist of the following: the Vice President for Engagement and Outreach as Chair, the SGA Director of Communications, the SGA Photographer, all Class Presidents, and three Senators. The Chair may select a member of their committee to serve as the Vice Chair.

§ 1104 Meetings

§ 1104.1 Meeting Times

The Engagement and Outreach Committee shall meet once a week or at the discretion of the Chair.

§ 1104.2 Agenda

The Chair is responsible for setting an agenda, sending it out to committee members in a timely manner, and bringing it to every Engagement and Outreach Committee meeting.

§ 1104.3 Attendance

§ 1104.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the Engagement and Outreach Committee is mandatory; the committee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Committee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy

Article XII: Executive Committee

Approved by the Senate: April 30, 2024 Last Amended: May 10, 2024

§ 1200 Name

This committee shall be called the Executive Committee.

§ 1201 Mission

The SGA Executive Committee is responsible for the administration of the SGA and serves to enhance all areas of student life

- § 1204.3 Attendance
- § 1204.3.1 Attendance Policy

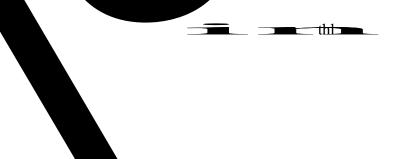
Attendance of the Executive Committee is mandatory; the committee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Committee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an boundance policy #

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Article XIV: Student Events Council

Approved by the Senate: April 30, 2024 Last Amended: May 10, 2024

§ 1400 Name

This body shall be known as the Student Events Council (SEC).

§ 1401 Mission

The Student Events Council (SEC) shall serve as the SGA's event-planning body. Its purpose is to provide the Skidmore College community with events outside of the classroom and to represent the diverse extracurricular interests of the student body.

§ 1402 Procedure

§ 1403.2 General Procedures

The SEC Chair shall act as Chair of the committee. All members have a vote, including the Chair. Quorum for voting shall require one-half of voting members to be present. All votes require a simple majority for passage. Student Events Council meetings are open to the public. The Student Events Council shall operate in accordance with the SGA Constitution and Bylaws, the Student Events Council Rules of Procedure, and the Skidmore College Honor Code.

§ 1403.2 Meeting Procedures

- H. Call to Order
 - a. The Chair will call the meeting to order.
- I. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. The Chair must request a motion to approve the agenda.
 - b. An SEC Officer must make a motion.
 - c. An SEC Officer must second the motion.
 - d. The motion must be approved by a simple majority of present members.
- J. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The Chair must request a motion to approve the meeting minutes.
 - b. An SEC Officer must make a motion.
 - c. An SEC Officer must second the motion.
 - d. The motion must be approved by a simple majority of present members.

K. Reports

a. The Chair will provide an opportunity for the members to report on their respective areas within the SEC.

L. New Business

a. New Business is reserved for resolutions.

M. Open Discussion

a. Open discussion is for members of the SEC to share ideas, thoughts, or concerns about specific event planning-related topics.

N. Adjournment

- a. The Chair must request a motion to adjourn.
- b. An SEC Officer must make a motion.
- c. An SEC Officer must second the motion.
- d. The motion must be approved by a simple majority of present members.

§ 1403 Membership

The Student Events Council shall consist of the following: SEC Chair as Chair, the SEC Vice Chair, the SEC Treasurer, the SEC Subcommittee on Major Events Chair, the SEC Subcommittee on Campus Events Chair, the SEC Subcommittee on Campus Traditions Chair, the SEC Subcommittee on Falstaff's Chair, and the Associate Director of Leadership Activities as a non-voting member.

§ 1404 Meetings

§ 1404.1 Meeting Times

The Student Events Council shall meet once a week or at the discretion of the Chair.

§ 1404.2 Agenda

The Chair is responsible for setting an agenda, sending it out to committee members in a timely manner, and bringing it to every Student Events Council meeting.

§ 1404.3 Minutes

The assigned scribe is responsible for creating meeting minutes, sending them to the Chair 72 hours after the meeting in which they were recorded, and bringing them to the next Student Events Council meeting for review.

§ 1404.4 Attendance

§ 1404.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the Student Events Council is mandatory; the Council members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Council members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy violation report to the SGA Judicial Board. However, absences for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in their family, impassable roads or weather,

Article XV: SEC Subcommittee on Major Events

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§ 1500 Name

This subcommittee shall be called the SEC Subcommittee on Major Events.

§ 1501 Mission

The SEC Subcommittee

§ 1504.3 Attendance

§ 1504.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the SEC Subcommittee on Major Events is mandatory; the subcommittee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Subcommittee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy violation report to the SGA Judicial Board. However, absences for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in their family, impassable roads or weather, religious observance, quarantine, or school-sanctioned sports are excused and are not counted toward the two permitted absences as long as the Chair receives prior notice in accordance with § 1504.3.2 of the SEC Subcommittee on Major Events Rules of Procedure.

§ 1504.3.2 Prior Notice Requirement

If for some reason a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member must contact the Chair at least three hours in advance of the meeting and follow up with the Chair after the meeting, either with a written progress update or in an individual meeting organized by the Chair.

§ 1604.3 Attendance

§ 1604.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the SEC Subcommittee on Campus Events is mandatory; the subcommittee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as

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§ 1704.3 Attendance

§ 1704.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the SEC Subcommittee on Campus Traditions is mandatory; the subcommittee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Subcommittee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy violation report to the SGA Judicial Board. However, absences for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in their family, impassable roads or weather, religious observance, quarantine, or school-sanctioned sports are excused and are not counted toward the two permitted absences as long as the Chair receives prior notice in accordance with § 1704.3.2 of the SEC Subcommittee on Campus Traditions Rules of Procedure.

§ 1704.3.2 Prior Notice Requirement

If for some reason a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member must contact the Chair at least three hours in advance of the meeting and follow up with the Chair after the meeting, either with a written progress update or in an individual meeting organized by the Chair.

§ 1804.3 Attendance

§ 1804.3.1 Attendance Policy

Attendance of the SEC Subcommittee on Falstaff's is mandatory; the subcommittee members listed above shall agree to meet at the discretion of the Chair as part of their responsibilities to the Skidmore College community as a leader on campus. Subcommittee members are permitted two absences, for any reason, each semester. Three absences in one semester will result in the Chair submitting an attendance policy violation report to the SGA Judicial Board. However, absences for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in their family, impassable roads or weather, religious observance, quarantine, or school-sanctioned sports are excused and are not counted toward the two permitted absences as long as the Chair receives prior notice in accordance with § 1804.3.2 of the SEC Subcommittee on Falstaff's Rules of Procedure.

§ 1804.3.2 Prior Notice Requirement

If for some reason a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member must contact the Chair at least three hours in advance of the meeting and follow up with the Chair after the meeting, either with a written progress update or in an individual meeting organized by the Chair.