

## Senate Overview for Prospective Senators

### How to Run

1. File in KSIS by Friday Feb. 8th: <https://www.k-state.edu/elections/file/index.html>
2. Attend one of these rules meeting (both are in Wildcat Chamber in the Union):
  - a. 4-5pm Monday Feb. 11th OR 4-5pm Tuesday Feb. 12th
3. Begin chalking/posting flyers/etc. on Feb. 13th
  - a. *Optional*: Find a running mate (or 2 or 3!) and campaign together

### Responsibilities

1. Attend Senate meetings - weekly Thursdays @ 7pm in the Union<sup>1</sup>
2. Serve on at least one standing committee<sup>2</sup>
3. Engage with students in their college<sup>3</sup> - you're a representative, after all
4. Senators Can...
  - Introduce, debate, and vote on legislation in Senate
  - Ask questions ("speaking rights") and defer speaking rights to anyone
  - Make motions

#### *Estimated time commitment to be a senator:*

- **Minimum: 3-5 hrs/week** ("just showing up")
- **Reasonable: 6-8 hrs/week** (reading legislation, doing things outside Senate, etc)
- **Very Active: 8+ hrs/week** ("above and beyond", serving on 2 committees, etc)

### Standing Committees

(you get to preference the ones you're most interested in)

- *Privilege Fee* ("Priv Fee"): Allocates the \$16 million dollars paid into the privilege fee fund by all students on campus
- *Travel Allocations*: Allocates a portion of the Student Activity Fee for student organizations to use for traveling off-campus
- *On-Campus Allocations* ("O-CAC"): Allocates a portion of the Student Activity Fee for student organizations to use for on-campus events and activities
- *Student Engagement*: Promotes SGA to students and student orgs and collects feedback on issues
- *Governmental Relations* ("GR"): Engages with government at all levels to promote the needs of students and aid in student understanding of government
- *Senate Operations* ("Senate Ops"): Oversees all processes within Senate including legislation, appointments, and impeachment

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<sup>1</sup> Senate ends whenever business is finished. It's usually 1-1.5 hours, but once in a while it runs 2-3 hours. You'll also want a little time to read the agenda and such beforehand.

<sup>2</sup> Committee meetings are typically about 1 hour; however, these can also get long if you're on Privilege Fee. You can also get involved with multiple committees if you want.

<sup>3</sup> Engaging with students is what you make of it; there's always more we can do to engage, but at least make an effort to chat with a variety of students and you'll be fine