

The Majority voted in favor of holding Senate Chair Feezel and Vice Senate Chair Winters in violation of Undergraduate Student Governments (USG) governing documents due to a failure to properly form the “New R.O.O. Committee”. Our decision was primarily influenced by the lack of any records indicating that this committee met under its designated name, outlined form, or intended purpose.

The USG Bylaws explicitly require that the New R.O.O. Committee meet at least one week prior to the swearing-in of any new senators. However, there is no evidence—either from Senate Leadership’s response or from official records—that any such meetings occurred during the 2024-2025 academic year. While efforts were made to onboard new senators, this specific requirement was not followed.

We would like to commend the work of Senate leadership in their onboarding efforts, especially in light of the large number of new members. It could not have been an easy task to onboard all of them simultaneously. However, it is necessary that the onboarding process remains structured and properly documented so that all members, not just senators, are being efficiently fully onboarded and that they are being supported in their new roles. This onboarding process for the Legislative Branch is clearly outlined in the New R.O.O. Committee language in the USG Bylaws.

We would also like to acknowledge that the New R.O.O. Committee has not functioned properly in the past and no grievance was brought against previous Senate Leadership regarding this. While this grievance may be overdue, the past failures of the New R.O.O. Committee cannot be overlooked.

The Majority acknowledges that the current form of the New R.O.O. Committee prescribed in the USG Bylaws may not be effective, but that language has been voted on and ratified by Undergraduate Student Government and all of our members must be held to it. The Majority recommends that the language describing the New R.O.O. Committee and the legislative branch onboarding process is reviewed and modified by Legislative Branch leadership and the DLT.

Respectfully,

Executive Justice Bushen

Associate Justice Papatonis

Associate Justice Reimer

Associate Justice Groen