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C. We need better language for what to do when standing committee quorum is in jeopardy and Senate is out of session.

Current language does not explicitly grant power to make temporary appointments to the Rules committee, or to its chair. Since several standing committees need to conduct essential business when Senate is out of session and new members cannot be confirmed to fulfill quorum requirements, we need a sound exigency rule.

Current rules do grant appointment power to the Senate President "in the absence of the Rules chair" (see below). The proposed rule below is intended to make explicit the temporary appointment power that is implicit in this rule, and to include appropriate shared governance measures.

D. Rule change proposal for Rules of the Faculty Senate (to conform with actual practice):

Past President: Attend Executive Committee meetings; Provide information regarding previous actions of the Senate; Sit on Faculty Senate Budget and Planning committee; Serve on the WSU Program Review committee; May serve as an Ombudsperson for the Faculty for a three year term.

President: Preside over Faculty Senate, Executive Committee, and Faculty Senate Budget and Planning committee meetings; Represent WSU at Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP)