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J. All SA Senate Standing Committees shall have the power to hold investigations and hearings within the realm of their legislative authority. Further, these committees

shall have the power to require the appearance of any elected or appointed official of the SA at such hearings, provided the official is given a three (3) day notice of the meeting and of their required attendance. Failure to appear shall constitute a violation of these SA Bylaws, and the convicted official shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Division of Student Affairs. It shall be the duty, upon the request of the committee, of the Committee Chairman to bring charges against said accused individual unless the committee makes some other provision on its own accord, such as a committee member being appointed as prosecutor.

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