

RESOLUTION 0005

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
University of Pittsburgh**

6 October 2009

Introduced by Board Members Lance Bonner and Charles Shull

WHEREAS, The Student Government Board exists to promote the concerns, interests, needs and welfare of the non-CGS undergraduate student body.

WHEREAS, The Student Government Board recognizes the constitutional right of the aforementioned students to assembly, which was exercised in a predominately peaceful manner by those participating in the events of the G-20 Summit.

WHEREAS, A lapse in communication between the students and University administration led to an irregular use of the Emergency Notification System, an understatement of the severity of potential police action during the G-20 Summit and an ineffective effort to familiarize non-University law officers with the dynamics of law enforcement on an urban collegiate campus.

WHEREAS, Non-University law officers charged with maintaining order in the Oakland community during the events of the G-20 Summit did, in the eyes of many of the aforementioned students, act with undue aggression, disproportionate use of force, and unwarranted detainment of law-abiding students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, On this the 6th day of October, in the year 2009, the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh hereby pledges to:

- 1) Support all law-abiding students who, through the aforementioned lapses in communication, were arrested and charged with crimes that they did not commit.
- 2) Aid the University administration in identifying those students whose actions during the G-20 Summit violated the Student Code of Conduct, and in doing so brought negative attention to our University.
- 3) Continue to work with the University administration to inform the students of the reasoning for specific police action in Oakland community during the G-20 Summit, and to dispel associated misinformation.
- 4) Strive to mend a fractured relationship between the aforementioned students, the University community and the City of Pittsburgh as a result of the police action during the G-20 Summit.