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.