

B-005
CREATING THE SGB GOVERNING CODE:
COMMITTEE SELECTIONS PROCESS

University of Pittsburgh
Student Government Board

Introduced by President Mike Nites

Whereas the SGB Governing Code is a collection of governing documents including the SGB Bylaws,

Whereas the Board is given the authority to appoint Committee Chairs through a nominating committee,

Whereas previous Judicial Committees have ruled in favor of the autonomy of standing committees,

Whereas previous Board's have recognized the importance of including the former Chair on the respective nominating committee even though this was directly against the SGB Bylaws,

Whereas the Board relinquishing some of its power can lead to positive outcomes by allowing those who are most knowledgeable about a decision have weight in the decision making process,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, On this 14th day of January in the year of 2014, the Student Government Board enacts the following revision to Title I, Chapter 3 called "Committees." All numbering changes to how the document is structured shall be automatic. The Article "Committee Selections Process" shall have the following changes:

1. A section called "Selections, General" shall be added at the beginning of Article II and shall read, "All nominees of Standing and Conditional Committees shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the total membership of the Board."
2. For the Section called "Elections Chair Selections Process,"
 - a. Subsection A will include a change from "fall" to "spring."
 - b. Subsection B shall read, "The nominating committee shall consist of the incoming President of the Board, who shall serve as the chair, the outgoing Chair of the Judicial Committee, the Elections Committee Board Liaison and the Judicial Committee Board Liaison."
3. For the Section called "Judicial Chair Selections Process,"
 - a. Subsection B shall read, "The nominating committee shall consist of the incoming President of the Board, who shall serve as the chair, the outgoing Chair of the Judicial Committee, the Judicial Committee Board Liaison and the Election Committee Board Liaison."

- b. Subsection C shall read, “The Judicial Committee shall be composed of eight members and shall be selected by the Judicial Chair following his or her appointment in conjunction with the Student Government Board President, Pro-Tempore and Judicial Committee Board Liaison.”
4. For the Section called “Allocations Chair Selections Process,”
 - a. The Allocations Chair selections process shall be the same as currently written in the SGB Bylaws.
5. For the Section called “Selections Process for Members of the Allocations Committee,”
 - a. The Allocations Committee selections process shall be the same as currently written in the SGB Bylaws.
6. An additional Section called “Selections Process for Chairs of Conditional Committees” shall be created and have two subsections.
 - a. Subsection A shall read, “The Chair of any Conditional Committee shall be selected by the Board in January upon the recommendation of a nominating committee, and shall take office immediately following approval of the Board.”
 - b. Subsection B shall read, “The nominating committee shall consist of the incoming President of the Board, who shall serve as chair, the two committee Board Liaisons and the outgoing Chair of the committee. In any instance in which a member of the nominating committee holds two seats, the President shall select an additional Board Member. In any instance in which a committee did not exist in the previous year, the President will select two additional Board Members.”
7. An additional Section called “Selections Process for Ad-hoc Committee Chairs and Task Force Chairs” shall be created and have one subsection.
 - a. Subsection A shall read, “As they require greater flexibility, Ad-hoc Committee Chairs and Chairs of Task Forces shall be selected via a process defined by the President.”
8. Title I, Chapter 3, Article II will be passed exactly as shown in the attached document.

The resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Chapter 3. Committees

Article II: Committee Selections Process

Section 3.04. Selections, General

- A. All nominees of Standing and Conditional Committees shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the total membership of the Board.

Section 3.05. Elections Chair Selections Process

- A. The Chair of the Elections Committee shall be selected by the Board in January upon the recommendation of a nominating committee, and shall take office on the first day of classes of the spring semester.
- B. The nominating committee shall consist of the incoming President of the Board, who shall serve as the chair, the outgoing Chair of the Judicial Committee, the Elections Committee Board Liaison and the Judicial Committee Board Liaison.

Section 3.06. Judicial Chair Selections Process

- A. The Chair of the Judicial Committees shall be selected by the Board in January upon the recommendation of a nominating committee, and shall take office on the first day of classes of the fall semester.
- B. The nominating committee shall consist of the incoming President of the Board, who shall serve as the chair, the outgoing Chair of the Judicial Committee, the Judicial Committee Board Liaison and the Election Committee Board Liaison.
- C. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of eight members and shall be selected by the Judicial Chair following his or her appointment in conjunction with the Student Government Board President, Pro-Tempore and Judicial Committee Board Liaison.

Section 3.07. Allocations Chair Selections Process

- A. The Chair of the Allocations Committee shall be selected by the current Board in December upon the recommendation of a nominating committee, and shall take office on the first day of classes of the spring semester.

- B. The nominating committee shall consist of the outgoing President of the Board, who shall serve as the chair, the incoming President of the Board, the outgoing Business Manager of the Board, the outgoing Allocations Chair and an outgoing member of the Allocations Committee. In any instance in which a member of the nominating committee holds two seats, the incoming President shall select an additional incoming Board Member to serve on the nominating committee.

Section 3.08. Selections Process for Members of the Allocations Committee

- A. The twelve members and one alternate of the Allocations Committee shall be selected by the current Board in December upon the recommendation of a nominating committee, and shall take office on the first day of classes of the spring semester.
- B. The nominating committee shall consist of the outgoing President of the Board, who shall serve as the chair, the incoming President of the Board, the outgoing Business Manager of the Board, the outgoing Allocations Chair and the incoming Allocations Chair. In any instance in which a member of the nominating committee holds two seats, the incoming President shall select an additional incoming Board Member to serve on the nominating committee.

Section 3.09. Selections Process for Chairs of Conditional Committees

- A. The twelve members and one alternate of the Allocations Committee shall be selected by the current Board in December upon the recommendation of a nominating committee, and shall take office on the first day of classes of the spring semester.
- B. The nominating committee shall consist of the incoming President of the Board, who shall serve as chair, the two committee Board Liaisons, the outgoing Chair of the committee and a committee member chosen by the outgoing Chair. In any instance in which a member of the nominating committee holds two seats, the President shall select an additional Board Member. In any instance in which a committee did not exist in the previous year, the President will select two additional Board Members.

Section 3.10. Selections Process for Ad-hoc Committee Chairs and Task Force Chairs

- A. As they require greater flexibility, Ad-hoc Committee Chairs and Chairs of Task Forces shall be selected via a process defined by the President and do not need approval by the Board.