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CREATING THE SGB GOVERNING CODE:
CREATING A LEGISLATIVE 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 legislate new policies and procedures,

Whereas no current policy establishes a clear legislative 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 5 called “Legislation.” All numbering changes to how the document is structured shall be automatic.

1. An Article called “Legislation, General” shall be added at the beginning of Chapter 5. It shall read:

Section 5.01. Types of Legislation

- A. There are two types of legislation that can be introduced to Student Government Board: resolutions and bills.

Section 5.02. Weekly Submission Deadline

- A. All legislation must be submitted to the President 24 hours prior to the SGB Planning Session before public meeting.
- B. An exception can be made via a motion made during public meeting and passed by 2/3 of board members during new business.

Section 5.03. Tabling

- A. All legislation will automatically be tabled for one week after introduction.

Section 5.04. Voting

- A. A request to break voting into separate sections can be made via a motion that is passed by a simple majority of total membership of the board.

Section 5.05. Public Place

- A. The results of all legislation must be publically posted for review by all non-CGS undergraduate students.

2. The Article titled “Resolutions” shall be rewritten to say:

Section 5.06. Definition

- A. Resolutions proposed and approved by the Board are public opinions on issues affecting the non-CGS undergraduate student body that do not relate to policies and procedures under the jurisdiction of the Student Government Board.
- B. Resolutions shall be numbered “R[YEAR]-###”.

Section 5.07. Introduction of Resolutions

- A. Resolutions may be introduced by the President or any Board Member and can be co-sponsored by any member of Student Government Board.

Section 5.08. Requirements for Approval

- A. Resolutions are passed via simple majority of total membership of the board.

3. The Article titled “Bills” shall be rewritten to say:

Section 5.09. Definition

- A. Bills proposed and approved by the Board are policies and procedures on issues under the jurisdiction of Student Government Board.
- B. There are two types of bills: bills that change the SGB Governing Code and bills that change the Allocations Manual.
- C. All bills shall be numbered “B-###”.

Section 5.10. Introduction of Bills that Change the SGB Governing Code

- A. Any bill that changes the bylaws may be introduced by the President or any Board Member and can be co-sponsored by any member of Student Government Board.

Section 5.11. Requirements for Approval of Bylaw Changes

- A. Any bill that changes bylaws must be approved by two-thirds of total membership of the Board.

Section 5.12. Introduction of Bills that Change the Allocations Manual

- A. Any bill that changes the Allocations Manual, as defined in the Constitution, must be endorsed by the Allocations Chair. Thus, the Allocations Chair must introduce bills that change the Allocations Manual or at the minimum co-sponsor bills that are introduced by the President and Board Members.

Section 5.13. Requirements for Approval of Allocations Changes

- A. Any bill that changes the Allocations Manual must be approved by a simple majority of total membership of the Board.
- B. All amendments to bills that change the Allocations Manual must be endorsed by the Allocations Chair.

- 4. Title I, Chapter 5 will be passed exactly as shown in the attached document.

The resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Chapter 5: Legislation

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