

**B-014**  
**PUBLIC BUDGET APPEALS PROCESS**

**University of Pittsburgh**  
**Student Government Board**

**Introduced by Allocations Chairwoman Nasreen Harun and President Mike Nites**

**Co-Sponsored by: Board Members Mona Kazour, Abby Zurschmit, and Graeme Meyer**  
**Allocations Committee Members Jessica Beaver, Alex Burger,**  
**Joe Klein, Nick Reslink, and Robyn Weiner**

**Whereas** the Allocations Manual provides policies and procedures guiding the Allocations process,

**Whereas** the budgeting process has been conducted using private hearings and deliberations in previous years,

**Whereas** SGB has an opportunity to promote transparency of its Allocations process through a public appeals process,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of 2014, the Student Government Board partners with the Allocations Committee to enact the following revisions to Title II in the SGB Governing Code, commonly known as “The Allocations Manual.” This will change the budget appeals process from private hearings and deliberations to public hearings and deliberations. Section 2.10, “SGB Budget Appeal Hearings,” shall read:

**Section 2.10. SGB Budget Appeal Hearings**

All budget appeals will be done during a special public meeting approximately one week after budgets. Each appellant representing their respective organization will be asked to make a brief argument against the decision, focusing on specific budget requests that are being appealed. The Allocations Chair will present the rationale for the decision appealed by the group. The Student Government Board will ask questions if necessary and will render a decision without further argument from the group. The SGB, by majority vote of a quorum, will accept or revise the decisions of the Allocations Committee on a line-item basis. If an authorized organization leader does not attend the appeal hearing, the Board may act on the recommendation of the Allocations Committee or they may choose to postpone the hearing until a later date.

The bill shall be effective immediately upon adoption.