

B-023
RACKS FOR STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

University of Pittsburgh
Student Government Board
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Introduced by Board Member Benjamin West and President Mike Nites

- Whereas,** student organizations producing publications do not have access to publication racks in main campus buildings;
- Whereas,** Student Government Board allocates funding for various student publication and can further empower them to distribute their publications;
- Whereas,** publication racks are a widely-used means to distribute publications to individuals passing by,

THEREBEFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day of October in the year of 2014, the Student Government Board at the University of Pittsburgh amends Title 3 of the SGB Governing Code, commonly referred to as “Student Services Provided by SGB”, by inserting “Chapter 3. Student Publication Racks”. The following policies and procedures shall be adopted as written:

Chapter 3. Student Publication Racks

Section 3.01. About Student Publication Rack Service

- A. SGB Student Publication Racks serve as SGB’s effort to empower publication student organizations on campus by providing a means of distribution at key locations on campus. These racks shall have multiple allotted spaces to hold multiple student publications at one time.
- B. The Student Publication Rack program exists to enhance the ability of student run publications to increase their visibility on campus.
- C. Student Government Board shall hold the responsibility for determining how the rack space will be utilized and managed.

Section 3.02. Student Publication Rack Service Details

- A. These publication racks will be available for student publications in the following locations:
 - 1. O’Hara Student Center. First Floor.
 - 2. Benedum Engineering Hall. Ground Floor.
 - 3. Peterson Event Center. Second Floor.
 - 4. Sutherland Residence Hall. First Floor.
 - 5. William Pitt Union. Main Floor.
 - 6. Litchfield Towers. Towers Lobby.
 - 7. Posvar Hall. Main Lobby.
- B. To ensure that there is enough space for multiple publication organizations, SGB may allot the same space based on provided release schedules.

Section 3.03. Application Process

- A. A Student Government Board Member designated by the President shall determine which eligible student publications shall be showcased on specific publication racks throughout campus at the beginning of each semester.
- B. A student organization is eligible to apply for publication rack space if the student organization is SORC-certified and their primary purpose as an organization is to create publications.
- C. The applications shall include the following:
 - 1. General overview of the publication
 - 2. A description of the publication
 - 3. Tentative publication schedule for the entire academic year\
 - 4. An action plan in which the publication staff will replenish their publication on the student rack
 - 5. A copy of past publication released to the student body
- D. The Student Government Board member shall set a deadline to review all of the Student Publication Rack Applications.
 - 1. Preference shall be given to student publications who receive SGB funding.
 - 2. Student Government Board may not base its decisions on the content of the publications and must remain viewpoint neutral at all times.
 - 3. No student publication shall have more than one allotted space per student publication rack at one time.

Section 3.04. Responsibilities of Student Organizations receiving Publication Rack Space

- A. Individual student organizations shall have the responsibility to resupply the provided space with their desired publication.
- B. Inform SGB of all new issues released prior to being placed on the publication rack.