

B-026
GOVERNING CODE AMENDMENTS

University of Pittsburgh
Student Government board
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WHEREAS, Student Government Board previously established the Governing Code as the comprehensive governing document detailing all Student Government Board operations, committees, and student services;

WHEREAS, the Governing Code was a merging of several independent governing documents and as a result there are several grammatical and formatting errors as well as potentially misleading statements;

WHEREAS, the goal of the Governing Code was to provide students with a more explicit way to understand the operations of Student Government Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 20th day of January in the year of 2015, the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh proposes the following grammatical and formatting changes and addition of clarifying statements to the Governing Code. Effective immediately the following changes shall be made:

Currently Proposed Changes:

Title 1.

Chapter 1.

Article 2. Add Item 4 – SAAG definition

Article 3. Remove Item 1B

Article 3. Remove Item 4D

Chapter 4.

Article 3. Item 2C – A press release listing code violations only, not the dismissal letter

Item 3A – Dismissals may be appealed via a letter of intent to appeal within 48 hours of the dismissal. Must be notified for both parties (not just judicial). The appeal hearing will then occur within 5 business days of the letter of intent to appeal

Item 6B. add adjudication process

Article 4. Item 2E – change wording to clarify that a large applicant pool will be decreased based on paper applications, not that only some applicants will be judged based on their paper application.

Chapter 5.

Article 1. Item 2A,9 – Add non-discrimination

Title 2.

Chapter 1.

Article 1. Item 1A, 7. “meetings at least once per month”

Article 5. Item 3A. remove(?)

Chapter 3.

Article 1. Item 2A, 6 – supply the chief of cabinet, press secretary, and chief of staff with meeting minutes for each meeting

Item 2A, 10 Check office hours versus pay for the environmental chair

Item 4E, adjust the wording again for the applicant pool seize

Article 2 (should be article 3).

Item 2B – Redundant

Item 3A – Redundant

Title 6.

Chapter 1.

Article 2.

Section 2. Item 1A – remove “each staff organization may also select an alternate delegate”

Chapter 2.

Article 2.

Section 2. Item B – Remove that organization must select delegate by March 15

Item C – Remove terms of delegates begin April 1st

Added changes:

1. Title 1, Chapter 1, Article 2, Item 1, Subitem A
 - i. Change 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2. Title 1, Chapter 4, Article 3, Item 2, Subitem C
 - a. Used to read: The dismissal letter shall become public information two-days after the dismissal.
 - b. Now reads: A press release listing the code violations and reasons for dismissal shall be released two days after the dismissal
3. Title 1, Chapter 4, Article 3, Item 3
 - a. Used to read:
 - i. A. Dismissals may be appealed to the Judicial Committee so that the individual receives due process.
 - ii. B. Individuals found guilty of violating the SGB Governing Code even after their dismissal (i.e., through the release of confidential information) shall not be able to be reinstated into their position even if they are found not-guilty of their original charge.
 - b. Now reads:
 - i. A. Dismissals may be appealed to the Judicial Committee so that the individual receives due process.
 - ii. B. A notice of intent to appeal must be submitted by the dismissed individual to the Judicial Committee chair within 48 hours of notice of dismissal. A formal justification for appeal, as determined by the Judicial Committee, shall be submitted within 5 business days of the dismissal.
 - iii. C. Individuals found guilty of violating the SGB Governing Code even after their dismissal shall not be able to be reinstated into their position even if they are found not-guilty of their original charge.
4. Title 1, Chapter 4, Article 4, Item 2, Subitem D
 - a. Added: to reach a number of applicants manageable for interviews to be held in one session.
5. Title 1, Chapter 5, Item 2, Subitem 1
 - a. Added: faculty
6. Changed all references of Business Manager to Vice President and Chief of Finance
7. Changed all references of the Student Organization Assembly to The Assembly