

**R2014-09**

**FOURTH FLOOR SPACE ANALYSIS**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**University of Pittsburgh**

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**Introduced by President Mike Nites**

**Whereas,** the Office of Student Affairs provides approximately 16,000 square feet of space to all student organizations on campus;

**Whereas,** *The Pitt News* receives approximately 4,400 square feet of office space and WPTS-FM Radio receives approximately 2,200 square feet of office space;

**Whereas,** there are now over 400 student organizations who exist on campus and several of these student organizations are requesting office space;

**Whereas,** there are opportunities for *The Pitt News*, WPTS-FM Radio, and Student Government Board to collaborate together to consolidate space on the fourth floor in order to empower other student organizations on campus;

**Whereas,** commercial rent in Oakland around the University of Pittsburgh is approximately \$50-80 per square foot per year;

**Whereas,** *The Pitt News* claims that it is an independent and self-sustainable newspaper;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of 2014, the Student Government Board at the University of Pittsburgh formally recommends to the Vice Provost and Dean of Students Dr. Kathy Humphrey that the Office of Student Affairs:

- (1) Commit to a reallocation of space on the fourth floor in an effort to promote greater space utilization and greater equity for all student groups
- (2) Begin working with representatives from *The Pitt News*, WPTS-FM Radio, and Student Government Board to develop a direction and plan to consolidate space, and
- (3) Consider opening discussions regarding a fair rental charge to *The Pitt News* for its space, especially if they choose to continue to call themselves an independent and self-sustainable newspaper.