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ENSURING CLARITY, TRANSPARENCY, NEUTRALITY, AND DIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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CO-SPONSORED BY: Board Member Meghan Murphy

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Board Member Meghan Murphy introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first time.

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Amended by Board Member Lia Petrose, with approval from Judicial Committee Chairman Kyle Hoch, by a vote of 7 for (Board Members Harun, Sykes, Dall, Chen, Green, Murphy, and Petrose) and 1 against (Board Member Heidecker). Final vote taken by the Board.

A BILL

TO REVISE THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD GOVERNING CODE

- 1 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Judicial Committee to review and
2 revise the documentation governing the Student
3 Government Board yearly;
- 4 WHEREAS, the Student Government Board's new Governing Code
5 includes many references to governing documents that
6 no longer exist;
- 7 WHEREAS, Judicial Committee hearings are *de facto* open to the
8 public and this is contrary to the rules set forth under
9 Title 4 of the current Governing Code;
- 10 WHEREAS, it should be the goal of the Student Government Board
11 to set a campus-wide standard for non-discriminatory
12 behavior

13 WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh student body benefits
14 from a Student Government Board that ensures the
15 clarity of its Governing Documents, the transparency
16 of its structure and actions, the maintenance of
17 neutrality in its membership selections, and a
18 sensitivity to diversity among its members; *now,*
19 *therefore, be it*

20 RESOLVED, on this 31st day of March in the year 2015, the
21 University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board
22 enacts the following revisions to the Student
23 Government Board Governing Code under the short
24 title Ensuring Clarity, Transparency, Neutrality, and
25 Diversity:
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27 Regarding Clarity:

- 28 1. References to Student Government Board Bylaws shall be
29 replaced with references to the Governing Code.
- 30 2. References to Committee Bylaws shall be replaced with
31 references to the appropriate Titles or Chapters of the
32 Governing Code.
- 33 3. Grammatical errors shall be eliminated from the Governing
34 Documents generally.

35 Regarding Transparency:

- 36 1. Item 4.1.3.1.2c shall read “Any Judicial hearing shall be open to
37 the public, and a recording of the hearing shall be taken and
38 made available upon request.”
- 39 2. Item 1.1.2.0.4 shall be titled “Recording” and shall read “All
40 recordings shall be in the form of an audio recording and shall
41 be accompanied by a written transcript created from said
42 recording.”
- 43 3. Item 1.1.2.1 shall include a sub-item C that reads “All members
44 of Student Government Board compensated in the form of a
45 stipend are required to hold office hours.”

46 Regarding Neutrality

- 47 1. Item 4.1.3.2.1b2 shall read: “Alternates can be present during
48 voting deliberations, and shall only contribute to the discussion
49 and cast a vote if a regular voting member is absent.”

50 2. Item 1.4.4.2 shall include a new subsection E that reads “The
51 Nominating Task Force shall make its decisions based upon a
52 simple majority vote of all members.”

53 Regarding Diversity:

54 1. The Code of Ethics shall include the following requirement, “2.
55 Refrain from discriminating against others on any basis,
56 including those outlined in the University of Pittsburgh
57 Nondiscrimination policy.”; *and be it further*

58 RESOLVED, that all numbering changes resulting from these
59 revisions shall be automatic, pursuant to the rules set
60 forth in items 1.1.1.0.4 and 1.1.1.0.5 of the Student
61 Government Board Governing Code; *and be it finally*

62 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately
63 upon adoption and shall reflect the changes shown in
64 the attached document.

65 ADOPTED: this 14th day of April 2015 by a vote of 8 for, 0 against,
66 and 0 abstentions.

Graeme Thomas Meyer, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board