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ENSURING CLARITY, TRANSPARENCY, NEUTRALITY, AND DIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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

14 APRIL 2015
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 revise the documentation governing the Student Government Board yearly;

2 WHEREAS, the Student Government Board’s new Governing Code includes many references to governing documents that no longer exist;

3 WHEREAS, Judicial Committee hearings are de facto open to the public and this is contrary to the rules set forth under Title 4 of the current Governing Code;

4 WHEREAS, it should be the goal of the Student Government Board to set a campus-wide standard for non-discriminatory behavior
WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh student body benefits from a Student Government Board that ensures the clarity of its Governing Documents, the transparency of its structure and actions, the maintenance of neutrality in its membership selections, and a sensitivity to diversity among its members; now, therefore, be it

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

Regarding Clarity:
1. References to Student Government Board Bylaws shall be replaced with references to the Governing Code.
2. References to Committee Bylaws shall be replaced with references to the appropriate Titles or Chapters of the Governing Code.
3. Grammatical errors shall be eliminated from the Governing Documents generally.

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

Regarding Neutrality
1. Item 4.1.3.2.1b2 shall read: “Alternates can be present during voting deliberations, and shall only contribute to the discussion and cast a vote if a regular voting member is absent.”
2. Item 1.4.4.2 shall include a new subsection E that reads “The Nominating Task Force shall make its decisions based upon a simple majority vote of all members.”

Regarding Diversity:

1. The Code of Ethics shall include the following requirement, “2. Refrain from discriminating against others on any basis, including those outlined in the University of Pittsburgh Nondiscrimination policy.”; and be it further RESOLVED, that all numbering changes resulting from these revisions shall be automatic, pursuant to the rules set forth in items 1.1.1.0.4 and 1.1.1.0.5 of the Student Government Board Governing Code; and be it finally RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall reflect the changes shown in the attached document.

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

Graeme Thomas Meyer, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board