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UPDATING THE 2015-2016 ELECTIONS CODE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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Chairwoman Millard introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first time.

12 JANUARY 2016

Read the second time and voted on.

A BILL

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1 WHEREAS, based on the Student Government Board Constitution,
2 the Elections Chair proposes amendments to the
3 Elections Code,

4 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of January in the
5 year 2015, the University of Pittsburgh Student
6 Government Board enacts the following revisions to
7 the Student Government Board Elections Code as
8 follows:

9 Article 2:

10 Section 1, Item 1: The word "Liaison" shall be replaced with "campaign
11 staff."
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13 Section 1, Item 2 shall be titled “Targeted Campaign.” The words
14 “posters, flyers” shall be replaced with “any printed
15 material.” The word “seven” shall replace the word “five.”
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17 Section 1, Item 4: A comma shall be added after the phrase “...and all
18 persons involved with the election,” and the word
19 “including” shall replace the word “or” before the phrase
20 “...an individual candidate or slate’s campaign.”
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22 Section 1, Item 5: Section 202 shall be changed to Section 2.
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24 Section 1, Item 6: Section 210 shall be changed to Section 13.
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26 Section 1, Item 7: The word “on” shall be added and shall now read “A
27 candidate who runs alone or on a slate may only have one
28 campaign manager....”
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30 Section 1, Item 8 shall be titled “Campaign Staff.” The words “staff
31 members” shall replace “liaisons.” The phrase “a slate
32 consisting of two candidates may have a maximum of four
33 staff members, a slate of three candidates may have a
34 maximum of three staff members, and a slate consisting
35 of four candidates may have a maximum of two staff
36 members” shall be added.
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38 Section 1, Item 9: The word “public” shall be added before “online
39 resource.” The Phrase “Social media pages must be
40 public” shall be added to the end.
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42 Section 1, Item 10: The word “and” before “office hours” shall be
43 omitted.
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45 Section 2, Item 2: The phrase “to the Elections Committee Chair and
46 SGB Advisor” shall be replaced with “in the SGB Petition
47 and Application Packet.”
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49 Section 2, Item 4: The phrase “to the Elections Committee Chair and
50 SGB Advisor” shall be replaced with “in the SGB Petition
51 and Application Packet.”

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53 Section 2, Item 5: Section 203.04 shall be changed to Section 6, Item 4.

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55 Section 2, Item 7: The phrase “eligibility of a candidate based on
56 their...” shall replace the word “sufficiency” after the
57 phrase “The Elections Committee shall provide, receive,
58 and determine the....” The second use of the word
59 “sufficiency” shall be replaced with “eligibility.”

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61 Section 11 shall become Section 3. The remaining changes described in
62 this bill correspond to the new numbering of sections
63 following this change.

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65 Section 3, Item 2: the phrase “who must be declared in the SGB
66 Petition and Application packet in the beginning of the
67 election” shall be moved to Item 3 titled “Campaign
68 Manager Declaration.”

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70 Section 3, Item 4: Duties and Responsibilities shall now read:

- 71 **A.** The campaign manager, in addition to the candidates, may act
72 as a liaison between his/her campaign and the Elections
73 Committee.
- 74 **B.** Staff Members are permitted to post campaign materials on
75 behalf of their campaign.
- 76 **C.** Ensure that candidates and the campaign team are following
77 the Elections Code.
- 78 **D.** Facilitate the campaign team and delegate tasks for campaign
79 staff and volunteers.
- 80 **E.** A campaign manager may not speak to the general body of
81 organizations in the place of the candidate(s) she/he represents.
- 82 **F.** A candidate takes on the full responsibility for any actions done
83 by the campaign manager during the election.

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85 Section 4: Campaign Staff shall be added and shall read:

86 Item 1. Definition

87 A. A campaign staff member is a non-candidate who serves as part
88 of the campaign manager's team. A campaign staff member
89 must be a full-time non-CGS undergraduate student of the
90 University of Pittsburgh.

91 Item 2. Restriction to Number of Campaign Staff Members

- 92 A. A candidate who runs alone may have a maximum of five
93 campaign staff members.
94 B. A slate consisting of two candidates may have a maximum of
95 four staff member.
96 C. A slate of three candidates may have a maximum of three
97 staff members.
98 D. A slate consisting of four candidates may have a maximum of
99 two staff members.

100 Item 3. Staff Declaration

101 A. All staff members must be declared in the SGB Petition and
102 Application Packet at the beginning of the election.

103 Item 4. Duties and Responsibilities

- 104 A. Staff Members may take on the leadership roles of the
105 campaign. These may include but are not limited to:
106 1. Treasurer
107 2. Finance Coordinator
108 3. Communication/Marketing Chair
109 4. Programming Coordinator
110 B. Staff Members are permitted to post campaign materials on
111 behalf of their campaign.
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113 Section 5: Campaign Volunteers shall be added and shall read:

114 Item 1. Definition

115 A. A Campaign Volunteer is any full-time non-CGS
116 undergraduate student of the University of Pittsburgh who is
117 active on the day before the election to help promote a
118 candidate or slate's campaign.

119 Item 2. Restriction to Number of Campaign Volunteers

120 A. A campaign may have an unlimited number of volunteers.

121 Item 3. Volunteer Declaration

122 A. Volunteers do not need to be declared.
123 Item 4. Duties and Responsibilities
124 A. Volunteers are permitted to flyer and chalk within the
125 boundaries outlined in the Elections Code.
126 B. Volunteers may only participate in the campaign on the day
127 before and the day of the election.
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129 Section 6, Item 1: The word “those” shall replace “candidates” after the
130 phrase “Registered candidates are...” and before the
131 phrase “...who file completed packets....”
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133 Section 6, Item 2: The phrase “After such determination of compliance,
134 the candidate shall be considered certified and shall have
135 his or her name placed on the ballot” shall be removed.
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137 Section 6, Item 4: “One week” shall be changed to “two weeks.” Section
138 202.05 shall be changed to Section 2, Item 6.
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140 Section 6, Item 5: The phrase “candidates are exempt only if the
141 Elections Committee Chair has cleared his or her absence
142 prior to the start of the workshop. If a candidate is absent
143 without an excuse the candidate will serve a two-day
144 suspension from the first Sunday and Monday of the
145 campaign” shall be deleted.
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147 Section 6, Item 6: The words “One week” shall be changed to “two
148 weeks.”
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150 Section 7, Item 3: This section shall be retitled to “Accountability.”
151 The words “campaign staff, and volunteers” shall replace
152 the word “liaison” after “campaign manager.” The Phrase
153 “It shall be the duty of each candidate to police his or her
154 own campaign and staff” shall be added at the end.
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156 Section 7, Item 4: Accountability 2 shall be removed.
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158 Section 8, Item 1: The phrase “This applies to campaign managers and
159 campaign staff” shall be added at the end.

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161 Section 8, Item 4: The phrase “This may come from endorsing
162 organizations, individuals, or a candidate’s personal
163 funds” shall be added at the end.

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165 Section 9, Item 1: Section 204.01 shall be changed to Section 7, Item 2.

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167 Section 10, Item 2: The words “Chief of Staff” shall be added after “i.e.,
168 President, Board Members,” and before “Chairpersons,
169 and Allocations Committee Members.”

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171 Section 10, Item 3: The phrase “...support his or herself during official
172 Student Government Board business but may not support
173 his or herself during unofficial Student Government
174 Board business. These individuals may...” shall be deleted
175 and shall now read: “Any member of Student Government
176 Board who receives a stipend as a result of their
177 affiliation to Student Government Board and is running
178 in the election may not campaign when conducting
179 official Student Government Board business.”

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181 Section 10, Item 6: Elections Committee Discretion shall be deleted.

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183 Section 11: Item 2: 208.06 shall be changed to Section 11, Item 6.

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185 Section 11, Item 3: The words “any of” after the phrase “The
186 distribution...” and before “campaign material bearing
187 the organizations name in support of a candidate”
188 shall be changed to “of any.”

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190 Section 12: Item 1: The spelling of “fliers” shall be changed to “flyers.”

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192 Section 13, Item 1: The phrase "...or two Board candidates and one
193 Presidential candidate" shall be replaced with the
194 phrase "Slates may consist of four candidates only if
195 three are Board candidates and one is a Presidential
196 candidate, otherwise slates will not exceed three
197 Board candidates."

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199 Section 15, Item 3: The words "paper campaign" shall be replaced with
200 "targeted campaign," "flyers, posters" shall be replaced
201 with "Printed materials." The phrase "the Elections
202 Committee Chair shall determine the amount of
203 campaign material that is allowed to be posted by each
204 candidate or slate in designated locations on
205 University of Pittsburgh property" shall be deleted.

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207 Section 15, Item 8: The word "liaisons" shall be changed to "staff."

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209 Section 15, Item 11: The word "the" shall be added before "University
210 of Pittsburgh."

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212 Section 16, Item 2: The words " and campaign staff" shall be added
213 after "campaign managers".

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215 Section 16, Item 4: The word "that" shall be added before "any
216 candidate."

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218 Section 17, Item 1: The comma after "Elections Committee" shall be
219 deleted.

220 Article 3:

221 Section 1, Item 1: The phrase "The Elections Committee may, at its
222 discretion, initiate or sponsor any program it believes

223 will increase voters' knowledge of the candidates and
224 increase voter turnout" shall be removed.
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226 Article 4:
227 Section 4, Item 1: The phrase "of the Elections Committee hearing"
228 shall be changed to "from the time the email was sent
229 to notify them."
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231 Section 4, Item 4: The phrase "...of the filing of the appeal" shall be
232 added after the words "72 hours."
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234 Section 4, Item 6: The word "must" shall be replaced with "shall."
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236 Article 5:
237 Section 1, Item 2: The words "set up" shall be replaced with the word
238 "determined."
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240 Section 4, Item 1: Section 204. 01 shall be replaced with Section 7,
241 Item 1.
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243 Section 5, Item 2: Semicolons shall be added and shall now read,
244 "Stickers; self-adhesive materials; painting of
245 windows, doors, or other fixtures; or the placing of
246 campaign materials...."
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248 Section 11, Item 1: The word "SGB" shall be added before "President."
249 The phrase "In the event that the SGB President is
250 running for a position, he or she will not have access to
251 the results" shall be added at the end.
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253 Article 6:
254 Section 1, Item 4: Sub-item B shall be deleted.

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256 All roman numerals referring to Articles shall be changed to whole
257 numbers.

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259 All numbers over ten that are spelled out shall be changed to whole
260 numbers; *and be it further*

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

265 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately
266 upon adoption and shall reflect the changes shown in
267 the attached document.

268 ADOPTED: this 12th day of January 2016 by a vote of 9 for, 0
269 against, and 0 abstentions.

Nasreen Harun, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board