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UPDATING THE 2015-2016 ELECTIONS CODE

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8 DECEMBER 2015
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
UPDATING THE 2015-2016 ELECTIONS CODE

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

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

Article 2:

Section 1, Item 1: The word “Liaison” shall be replaced with “campaign staff.”
Section 1, Item 2 shall be titled “Targeted Campaign.” The words “posters, flyers” shall be replaced with “any printed material.” The word “seven” shall replace the word “five.”

Section 1, Item 4: A comma shall be added after the phrase “...and all persons involved with the election,” and the word “including” shall replace the word “or” before the phrase “...an individual candidate or slate’s campaign.”

Section 1, Item 5: Section 202 shall be changed to Section 2.

Section 1, Item 6: Section 210 shall be changed to Section 13.

Section 1, Item 7: The word “on” shall be added and shall now read “A candidate who runs alone or on a slate may only have one campaign manager....”

Section 1, Item 8 shall be titled “Campaign Staff.” The words “staff members” shall replace “liaisons.” The phrase “a slate consisting of two candidates may have a maximum of four staff members, a slate of three candidates may have a maximum of three staff members, and a slate consisting of four candidates may have a maximum of two staff members” shall be added.

Section 1, Item 9: The word “public” shall be added before “online resource.” The Phrase “Social media pages must be public” shall be added to the end.

Section 1, Item 10: The word “and” before “office hours” shall be omitted.

Section 2, Item 2: The phrase “to the Elections Committee Chair and SGB Advisor” shall be replaced with “in the SGB Petition and Application Packet.”
Section 2, Item 4: The phrase “to the Elections Committee Chair and SGB Advisor” shall be replaced with “in the SGB Petition and Application Packet.”

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

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

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

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

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

A. The campaign manager, in addition to the candidates, may act as a liaison between his/her campaign and the Elections Committee.

B. Staff Members are permitted to post campaign materials on behalf of their campaign.

C. Ensure that candidates and the campaign team are following the Elections Code.

D. Facilitate the campaign team and delegate tasks for campaign staff and volunteers.

E. A campaign manager may not speak to the general body of organizations in the place of the candidate(s) she/he represents.

F. A candidate takes on the full responsibility for any actions done by the campaign manager during the election.
Section 4: Campaign Staff shall be added and shall read:

Item 1. Definition
A. A campaign staff member is a non-candidate who serves as part of the campaign manager’s team. A campaign staff member must be a full-time non-CGS undergraduate student of the University of Pittsburgh.

Item 2. Restriction to Number of Campaign Staff Members
A. A candidate who runs alone may have a maximum of five campaign staff members.
B. A slate consisting of two candidates may have a maximum of four staff member.
C. A slate of three candidates may have a maximum of three staff members.
D. A slate consisting of four candidates may have a maximum of two staff members.

Item 3. Staff Declaration
A. All staff members must be declared in the SGB Petition and Application Packet at the beginning of the election.

Item 4. Duties and Responsibilities
A. Staff Members may take on the leadership roles of the campaign. These may include but are not limited to:
   1. Treasurer
   2. Finance Coordinator
   3. Communication/Marketing Chair
   4. Programming Coordinator
B. Staff Members are permitted to post campaign materials on behalf of their campaign.

Section 5: Campaign Volunteers shall be added and shall read:

Item 1. Definition
A. A Campaign Volunteer is any full-time non-CGS undergraduate student of the University of Pittsburgh who is active on the day before the election to help promote a candidate or slate's campaign.

Item 2. Restriction to Number of Campaign Volunteers
A. A campaign may have an unlimited number of volunteers.

Item 3. Volunteer Declaration
A. Volunteers do not need to be declared.

Item 4. Duties and Responsibilities

A. Volunteers are permitted to flyer and chalk within the boundaries outlined in the Elections Code.
B. Volunteers may only participate in the campaign on the day before and the day of the election.

Section 6, Item 1: The word “those” shall replace “candidates” after the phrase “Registered candidates are...” and before the phrase “...who file completed packets....”

Section 6, Item 2: The phrase “After such determination of compliance, the candidate shall be considered certified and shall have his or her name placed on the ballot” shall be removed.

Section 6, Item 4: “One week” shall be changed to “two weeks.” Section 202.05 shall be changed to Section 2, Item 6.

Section 6, Item 5: The phrase “candidates are exempt only if the Elections Committee Chair has cleared his or her absence prior to the start of the workshop. If a candidate is absent without an excuse the candidate will serve a two-day suspension from the first Sunday and Monday of the campaign” shall be deleted.

Section 6, Item 6: The words “One week” shall be changed to “two weeks.”

Section 7, Item 3: This section shall be retitled to “Accountability.” The words “campaign staff, and volunteers” shall replace the word “liaison” after “campaign manager.” The Phrase “It shall be the duty of each candidate to police his or her own campaign and staff” shall be added at the end.

Section 7, Item 4: Accountability 2 shall be removed.
Section 8, Item 1: The phrase “This applies to campaign managers and campaign staff” shall be added at the end.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 12: Item 1: The spelling of “fliers” shall be changed to “flyers.”
Section 13, Item 1: The phrase “...or two Board candidates and one Presidential candidate” shall be replaced with the phrase “Slates may consist of four candidates only if three are Board candidates and one is a Presidential candidate, otherwise slates will not exceed three Board candidates.”

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

Section 15, Item 8: The word “liaisons” shall be changed to “staff.”

Section 15, Item 11: The word “the” shall be added before “University of Pittsburgh.”

Section 16, Item 2: The words “and campaign staff” shall be added after “campaign managers”.

Section 16, Item 4: The word “that” shall be added before “any candidate.”

Section 17, Item 1: The comma after “Elections Committee” shall be deleted.

Article 3:

Section 1, Item 1: The phrase “The Elections Committee may, at its discretion, initiate or sponsor any program it believes...”
will increase voters’ knowledge of the candidates and increase voter turnout” shall be removed.

Article 4:
Section 4, Item 1: The phrase “of the Elections Committee hearing” shall be changed to “from the time the email was sent to notify them.”

Section 4, Item 4: The phrase “…of the filing of the appeal” shall be added after the words “72 hours.”

Section 4, Item 6: The word “must” shall be replaced with “shall.”

Article 5:
Section 1, Item 2: The words “set up” shall be replaced with the word “determined.”

Section 4, Item 1: Section 204.01 shall be replaced with Section 7, Item 1.

Section 5, Item 2: Semicolons shall be added and shall now read, “Stickers; self-adhesive materials; painting of windows, doors, or other fixtures; or the placing of campaign materials….”

Section 11, Item 1: The word “SGB” shall be added before “President.” The phrase “In the event that the SGB President is running for a position, he or she will not have access to the results” shall be added at the end.

Article 6:
Section 1, Item 4: Sub-item B shall be deleted.
All roman numerals referring to Articles shall be changed to whole numbers.

All numbers over ten that are spelled out shall be changed to whole numbers; 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 12th day of January 2016 by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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Nasreen Harun, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board