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UPDATING THE 2016-2017 ELECTIONS CODE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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

[10 JANUARY 2017]

Read the second time and voted on.

A BILL

UPDATING THE 2015-2016 ELECTIONS CODE

1 WHEREAS, the Elections Committee has the duty to review and
2 revise the Student Government Board Elections Code;
3 *now, therefore, be it*

4 RESOLVED, on this [10th day of January in the year 2016], the
5 University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board
6 enacts the following revisions to the Student
7 Government Board Governing Code:

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9 The phrase “Student Government” shall be replaced with “Student
10 Government Board”.

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12 The phrase “SGB advisor” shall read “SGB Advisor”.

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14 The phrase “elections code” shall read “Elections Code”.

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16 The phrase “him or herself” shall be replaced with “themselves”.

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19 The phrases “his or her” and “his/her” shall be replaced with the word
20 “their”.

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22 The phrase “he or she” shall be replaced with the word “they”.

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24 The phrase “him/her” shall be replaced with the word “them”.

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26 Periods directly following article, section, and item titles shall be
27 removed.

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29 Chapter 1. Elections Committee Bylaws

30 Article 1:

31 Item 1: The phrase “and election” shall be added after the phrase “and
32 govern the Student Government Board Elections
33 committee”.

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35 The word “Bylaws” shall replace “bylaws”.

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37 Item 3. Duties and Responsibilities shall now read:

38 A. The duties and responsibilities of the Elections Committee are:

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1. To review and update the Elections Code.
2. To address violations of the Elections Code.
3. To provide, receive, and determine the eligibility of a candidate based on the SGB Petition and Application Packets received from candidates for the positions of President and Board Member.
 - a. Eligibility will be determined by a simple majority of total membership of the committee.

- 47 All packets are subject to approval by the SGB
48 Advisor.
- 49 4. To facilitate Student Government Board elections by:
 - 50 a. Opening and closing polling places.
 - 51 b. Maintaining accurate records of voting.
 - 52 c. Overseeing workers hired to operate the polls.
 - 53 d. Adjudicating cases involving infractions of the
54 Elections Code or Elections Committee policies
55 in accordance with the Elections Code.
 - 56 e. Preparing and publishing all notices in
57 connection with the execution of the election.
 - 58 f. Planning and coordinating the events leading
59 up to the election.
 - 60 5. To arrange and moderate the presidential debate.
 - 61 6. To arrange the inauguration of newly elected
62 officeholders.

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64 Article 2:

65 Section 1, Item 1. Membership shall now read:

- 66 A. The Elections Chair and Elections Committee Members shall be
67 selected in accordance with the process indicated by the Student
68 Government Board governing Code.
- 69 B. The number of committee members shall be determined by the
70 chairperson to a maximum of eight members. The committee
71 shall consist of no fewer than six members after the second week
72 of fall term.
- 73 C. Committee members shall not run for a Board Member or
74 Presidential position while serving on the committee.
 - 75 1. Committee members who wish to run for a Board or
76 Presidential position in the spring term must resign by
77 the last day of the fall term.
- 78 D. Committee members shall remain nonpartisan during the
79 Student Government Board election process.
 - 80 1. Members cannot endorse a candidate or slate running
81 for a Board Member or Presidential position.
- 82 E. If a committee member is found supporting a campaign in any
83 fashion, the Elections Chair may dismiss them from the
84 committee as outlined in Item 2.

85 F. Committee members may resign at any time with a written
86 letter to the Elections Chair and the Student Government
87 Board.

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89 Section 1, Item 2: The phrase “they see” shall replace “he/she sees”.
90 The phrase “total membership of the committee” shall
91 replace “the total voting members”. The word “upon”
92 shall be deleted. The phrase “the dismissal” shall
93 replace the phrase “being removed”.

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95 Section 2, Item 1. Chairperson shall now read:

- 96 A. Shall serve as the official spokesperson for the Elections
97 Committee.
- 98 B. Shall report to the Board Liaison assigned to the Elections
99 Committee.
- 100 C. Shall attend and present a report at all Student Government
101 Board Public Meetings.
- 102 D. Shall keep five office hours per week in the Student Government
103 Board office.
- 104 E. Shall create new officer positions with the approval of the Board
105 Liaison and appoint the other officers of the committee, subject
106 to approval by a simple majority of total membership of the
107 committee.
- 108 F. Reserves the right to set up ad hoc committees or task forces
109 under their committee.
- 110 G. Shall create the agendas for committee meetings and set
111 meeting times in a designated place.
- 112 H. Shall supply the Student Government Board President, Board
113 Liaison, and staff specialist with copies of meeting minutes and
114 any other relevant paperwork.

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116 Section 2, Item 2: The phrase “Chairperson coordinate” shall replace
117 the phrase “chairperson in coordinating”.

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119 Section 2, Item 3: The phrase “meeting and hearing minutes” shall
120 replace “secretarial work”. The phrase “secretary for

121 the” shall be deleted. The phrase “office workers” shall
122 be added after “Student Government Board”.

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124 Article 3:

125 Section 2, Item 2: The phrase “of attending” shall replace the phrase
126 “to attend”. The word “contacting” shall replace “to
127 contact”.

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129 Section 3: The word “modified” shall be added before the phrase
130 “bylaws will be submitted to the Judicial Committee”.
131 The phrase “be approved by a 2/3 committee vote”
132 shall replace the phrase “approve the bylaws by a 2/3
133 committee vote.” The word “by” shall be added after
134 the phrase “subsequent approval” and replace the
135 word “of”.

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137 Chapter 2. The Elections Code

138 Article 1:

139 Section 1, Item 1: “Definition” shall be added and read “The chair shall
140 be selected in accordance with the process indicated by
141 the Student Government Board Governing Code and
142 serve as the official spokesperson for the Elections
143 Committee.” The remaining changes described in this
144 bill correspond to the new numbering of items
145 following this change.

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147 Section 1, Item 2: The second use of the word “shall” shall be omitted.

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149 Section 1, Item 3: The comma after the word “members” shall be
150 omitted. The phrase “Elections Committee Members”
151 shall replace the phrase “Committee members”.

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153 Section 1, Item 4: The word “Election” shall be replaced with
154 “Elections”
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156 Section 1, Item 5: Commas shall be added after the phrase “Governing
157 Code” and after the word “honest”. The word “simple”
158 shall replace the word “two-thirds”. The phrase “total
159 membership of” shall be added after the phrase
160 “majority of”.
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162 Section 2, Item 1: “Definition” shall be added and read “Elections
163 Committee Members shall be selected in accordance
164 with the process indicated by the Student Government
165 Board Governing Code to a maximum of eight
166 members.” The remaining changes described in this
167 bill correspond to the new numbering of items
168 following this change.
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170 Section 2, Item 2: The phrase “, slates,” shall be added after the word
171 “candidates”.
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173 Section 2, Item 4: The word “member” shall be replaced with
174 “Member”.
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176 Section 2, Item 5: The word “liaison” shall be replaced with the word
177 “Liaison” and the phrase shall read “The Student
178 Government Board Liaison to the Elections Committee
179 shall be completely impartial to any candidate and
180 lack any bias or appearance thereof. Should a conflict
181 of interest arise, the liaison will be removed and a new
182 liaison shall be assigned at the discretion of the
183 Elections Committee Chair.”
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185 Article 2, Section 2, Item 7 shall become Article 1, Section 2, Item 7
186 and be titled “Duties and Responsibilities”. It shall
187 read:

- 188 A. The duties and responsibilities of the Elections Committee are:
189 1. To review and update the Elections Code.
190 2. To address violations of the Elections Code.
191 3. To provide, receive, and determine the eligibility of a
192 candidate based on the SGB Petition and Application
193 Packets received from candidates for the positions of
194 President and Board Member.
195 a. Eligibility will be determined by a simple
196 majority of total membership of the committee.
197 All packets are subject to approval by the SGB
198 Advisor.
199 4. To facilitate Student Government Board elections by:
200 a. Opening and closing polling places.
201 b. Maintaining accurate records of voting.
202 c. Overseeing workers hired to operate the polls.
203 d. Adjudicating cases involving infractions of the
204 Elections Code or Elections Committee policies
205 in accordance with the Elections Code.
206 e. Preparing and publishing all notices in
207 connection with the execution of the election.
208 f. Planning and coordinating the events leading
209 up to the election.
210 5. To arrange and moderate the presidential debate.
211 6. To arrange the inauguration of newly elected
212 officeholders.

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214 Article 6 shall become Article 2. The remaining changes described in
215 this bill correspond to the new numbering of articles
216 following this change.

217 Section 1: “Definitions” shall be added.

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219 Section 1, Item 1: The phrase “Definition of Elections Code” shall be
220 added and read “The Elections Code is a body of
221 guidelines set up by the Elections Committee which

222 governs the election process and all persons involved
223 with the election, including an individual candidate or
224 slate’s campaign.” The remaining changes described in
225 this bill correspond to the new numbering of sections
226 following this change.

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228 Section 2, Item 1: The phrase “majority of votes” shall be replaced with
229 the phrase “majority of total membership of the
230 committee”

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232 Section 2, Item 4: The phrase (SGB) shall be omitted.

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234 Article 3:

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236 Article 3: The phrase “their Campaigns” shall replace the phrase “the
237 Campaign” in the Article’s title.

238 Section 1, Item 4. Elections Code shall be deleted.

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240 Section 1, Item 5 shall become Section 1, Item 1. The comma after the
241 phrase “Board Member” shall be omitted. The
242 remaining changes described in this bill correspond to
243 the new numbering of items following this change.

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245 Section 1, Item 2: The word “Slate” shall be added and read “A slate is
246 any group consisting of at least two but no more than
247 four candidates. Slates may only consist of four
248 candidates if three are Board candidates and one is a
249 Presidential candidate. Otherwise, slates shall not
250 exceed three Board candidates.

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252 Section 1, Item 3 shall become Section 1, Item 4. The remaining
253 changes described in this bill correspond to the new
254 numbering of items following this change.

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256 Section 1, Item 3: The phrase “SGB Petition and Application Packet”
257 shall be added and read “The SGB Petition and
258 Application Packet consists of an online form, a
259 signature petition, a slate form if applicable, and a
260 \$100.00 check made out to the University of
261 Pittsburgh. All individuals who wish to be considered
262 as candidates in the election must complete this
263 packet in its entirety.”

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265 Section 1, Item 4: The phrase “It” shall replace the phrase “The
266 elections timetable”. The phrase “The elections
267 timetable includes but is not limited to the dates of the
268 release of packets, when packets are due, when
269 campaigning begins, and Election Day.” shall be added
270 to the beginning.

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272 Section 1, Item 1 shall become Section 1, Item 5 and read
273 “Campaigning.” The first use of the word “Campaign”
274 shall be replaced with “Campaigning”. The phrase
275 “period of” shall be added after the phrase
276 “Campaigning is a”. The word “defined” shall be
277 replaced with the word “established”. The comma after
278 “timetable” shall be omitted. The phrase “during which
279 an individual” shall replace the phrase “when a
280 person”. The phrase “paper campaign” shall become
281 “targeted campaign,”. The remaining changes
282 described in this bill correspond to the new numbering
283 of items following this change.

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285 Section 1, Item 2 shall become Section 1, Item 6. The word
286 “established” shall replace the phrase “as defined”.

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288 Section 1, Item 6. Endorsement shall become Section 1, Item 7 and
289 now read:

- 290 A. An endorsement is the active promotion of a candidate by any
291 University of Pittsburgh student organization or individual .
292 1. “Active promotion” means the organization or
293 individual must offer some benefit to a candidate or
294 slate that is not available to all other candidates or
295 slates. They may only promote candidates through the
296 methods outlined in Article 3: Section 11.
297 2. Endorsing organizations are limited to endorsing, at
298 maximum, three candidates for Board Member and
299 one candidate for President.

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301 Section 1, Item 8: The word “alone” shall be replaced with the phrase
302 “as an independent”. The comma after the second use
303 of the phrase “campaign manager” shall be omitted.

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305 Section 1, Item 9: The phrase “A candidate who runs alone may have a
306 maximum of five campaign staff members, a slate
307 consisting of two candidates may have a maximum of
308 four staff members, a slate of three candidates may
309 have a maximum of three staff members, and a slate
310 consisting of four candidates may have a maximum of
311 two staff members. Campaign staff must be declared
312 in the SGB Petition and Application packet at the
313 beginning of the campaign and is subject to the
314 approval of the Elections Committee.” shall be deleted.
315 The phrase “Limits to the number of campaign staff
316 members are outlined in Article 3: Section 4.” shall be
317 added after the phrase “A campaign staff member is a
318 non-candidate who serves as part of the campaign
319 manager’s team.”

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321 Section 1, Item 10: The word “a” shall be added after the phrase “by a
322 candidate”. The word “their” shall replace the third
323 use of the word “the”. The word “created” shall be
324 added after the phrase “Social media pages”.

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326 Section 1, Item 11: The phrase “SGB scheduled” shall be replaced with
327 the phrase “SGB-scheduled”. The phrase “event or
328 activity” shall be replaced with the phrase “events or
329 activities”. The phrase “public Board meetings” shall
330 be replaced with the phrase “Public Meetings”. The
331 phrase “committee meetings, office hours,” shall be
332 replaced with the phrase “committee meetings, and
333 office hours.” The phrase “and Pitt Make a Difference
334 Day.” shall be deleted.

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336 Section 1, Item 12: The word “an” shall be added after the phrase “any
337 time when”. The phrase “not during Official Student
338 Government Board business” shall be added after the
339 word “position”.

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341 Section 2, Item 1: The phrase “must be” shall be omitted. The word
342 “By-Laws” shall be replaced with “Bylaws”.

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344 Section 2, Item 2: The first use of the word “must” shall replace the
345 word “shall”. The second use of the word “must” shall
346 be omitted. The phrase “Potential infractions that
347 could question eligibility are outlined in Article 3:
348 Section 2, Item 4.” shall be added at the end.

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350 Section 2, Item 4: The phrase “total membership” shall replace the
351 phrase “a quorum of six members”. The phrase “The
352 infractions” shall be replaced with the word
353 “Infractions”. The comma after the phrase “that could
354 question eligibility include” shall be omitted. The word
355 “Violations” shall read “violations”.

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357 Section 2, Item 6 shall become Section 2, Item 5. The remaining
358 changes described in this bill correspond to the new
359 numbering of items following this change.

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361 Section 2, Item 6: The phrase “established by the elections timetable”
362 shall be replaced with the phrase “established in the
363 elections timetable”.

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365 Section 3, Item 1: The phrase “campaign manager” shall be replaced
366 with “Campaign Manager”. The phrase
367 “undergraduate of the University of Pittsburgh” shall
368 be replaced with the phrase “undergraduate student at
369 the University of Pittsburgh”.

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371 Section 3, Item 3: The phrase “time they are due according to the date
372 established in the elections timetable” shall be added
373 after the phrase “SGB Petition and Application Packet
374 at the”. The phrase “beginning of the election” shall be
375 deleted.

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

- 378 A. The duties and responsibilities of the Campaign Manager are:
379 1. To act as a liaison between their campaign and the
380 Elections Committee.
381 2. To post campaign materials on behalf of their
382 campaign.
383 3. To ensure that candidates and the campaign team are
384 following the Elections Code.
385 4. To manage the campaign team and delegate tasks for
386 campaign staff and volunteers.

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388 Section 3, Item 5. Restrictions shall be added and read:

- 389 A. A Campaign Manager may not speak to the general body of
390 organizations in the place of the candidate(s) they represent.

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392 Section 3, Item 6. Accountability shall be added and read:

- 393 A. A candidate takes on the full responsibility for any actions
394 carried out by the Campaign Manager during the election.

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396 Section 3, Item 7. Changes to Campaign Managers shall be added and
397 read:

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399 A. Candidates and slates shall be permitted to change their
400 Campaign Manager originally declared in the SGB Petition and
401 Application Packet provided the outgoing and incoming
402 Campaign Managers submit a statement to the Elections Chair
403 confirming and explaining why they wish to do so.

404 B. Such changes shall be requested no later than one week after
405 campaigning begins, and are subject to approval by a simple
406 majority of total membership of the Elections Committee.

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408 Section 4, Item 1: The phrase “campaign staff member” shall read
409 “Campaign Staff Member”, and the phrase “campaign
410 manager” shall read “Campaign Manager”. The word
411 “at” shall replace the last use of the word “of”.

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413 Section 4, Item 2: The word “Restriction” shall be replaced by the word
414 “Restrictions”. The word “alone” shall be replaced by
415 the phrase “as an independent”.

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417 Section 4, Item 3: The phrase “time they are due according to the date
418 established in the elections timetable” shall be added
419 after the phrase “at the”. The phrase “beginning of the
420 election” shall be deleted.

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422 Section 4, Item 4. Duties and Responsibilities shall now read:

423 A. Staff Members are permitted to post campaign materials on
424 behalf of their campaign and shall take on the leadership roles
425 of the campaign. These may include but are not limited to:

- 426 1. Treasurer
427 2. Field Director
428 3. Finance Coordinator

- 429 4. Communication/Marketing Chair
- 430 5. Programming Coordinator

431

432 Section 4, Item 5. Changes to Campaign Staff Members shall be added
433 and now read:

- 434 A. Candidates and slates shall be permitted to change their
435 Campaign Staff Members originally declared in the SGB
436 Petition and Application Packet provided the outgoing and
437 incoming Campaign Staff Members submit a statement to the
438 Elections Chair confirming and explaining why they wish to do
439 so.
- 440 B. Such changes shall be requested no later than one week after
441 campaigning begins, and are subject to approval by a simple
442 majority of total membership of the Elections Committee.

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444 Section 1. Campaign Volunteers shall become Section 5. The remaining
445 changes described in this bill correspond to the new
446 numbering of sections following this change.

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448 Section 5, Item 1: The phrase “at the Oakland campus” shall be added
449 after “undergraduate student”.

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451 Section 5, Item 4. Duties and Responsibilities shall now read:

- 452 A. Volunteers are permitted to flyer and chalk within the
453 boundaries outlined in the Elections Code only on the day before
454 and the day of the election.

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456 Section 6, Item 1: The phrase “SGB Petition and Application Packets”
457 shall replace “packets”.

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459 Section 6, Item 3: The word “registered” shall replace “certified”. The
460 word “established” shall replace the word “defined”.

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462 Section 6, Item 4: The phrase “the individual must” shall replace the
463 phrase “a prospective candidate may”. The word
464 “Committee” following the phrase “contact the
465 Elections” shall be deleted. The word “individual” shall
466 replace the first use of the word “candidate”. The
467 phrase “not exceeding” shall replace the phrase “of no
468 more than”. The phrase “they wish” shall replace “he
469 or she wishes”. The phrase “a late candidacy” shall
470 replace the phrase “candidacy late”. The phrase “total
471 membership of the committee” shall replace the phrase
472 “a quorum of six members”.

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474 Section 6, Item 5: The word “any” shall replace the word “this”. The
475 phrase “which includes but is not limited to” shall
476 replace the word “including”.

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478 Section 6, Item 6: The phrase “an individual has” shall replace
479 “candidates have”. The word “official” shall be deleted.
480 The phrase “established in the elections timetable”
481 shall be added after the phrase “campaign workshop
482 date”. The word “Committee” after the phrase “with
483 the Elections” shall be deleted.

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485 Section 7, Item 1. Governing Policy shall read:

486 A. All candidates shall be responsible for knowing and
487 understanding:

- 488 1. The rules set forth in the Elections Code.
- 489 2. The policies set forth by the Elections Committee.
- 490 3. The rules set forth in the University of Pittsburgh
491 Student Code of Conduct.
- 492 4. The policies of Computer Services and Systems
493 Development.
- 494 5. The rules and regulations of the University of
495 Pittsburgh.

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497 Section 7, Item 2: The phrase “Ignorance of Regulation” shall be
498 replaced by the phrase “Ignorance of Regulations”.
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500 Section 7, Item 3: The second use of the phrase “shall be” shall be
501 deleted. The phrase “Candidates shall be held liable
502 for any violation of University or Student Government
503 board policies by their” shall be deleted. The word
504 “committed” shall be added after the phrase
505 “University or Student Government Board policies”. A
506 comma shall be added after the second use of the word
507 “campaign”.
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509 Section 8. Campaign Finance: The word “Finances” shall replace the
510 word “Finance”.
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512 Section 8, Item 2: The word “Committee” after the phrase “disclosed to
513 the Elections” shall be deleted.
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515 Section 8, Item 3: The phrase “shall be” shall be added after the phrase
516 “violation of the Elections Code, and”. The phrase
517 “outlined in Article 5: Section 3, Item 3.” shall replace
518 the phrase “described in this Election Code”.
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520 Section 8, Item 4: The phrase “and/or” shall be added after the phrase
521 “individuals,”
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523 Section 8, Item 5. Receipts shall be added and read:
524 A. All proof of purchases must be submitted to the Elections
525 Committee in the form of receipts or invoices at the time the
526 purchases are received.
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528 Section 9, Item 1: A comma shall be added after the word “resources”.
529 The phrase “or a slate” shall be added after “of a
530 candidate”.

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532 Section 9, Item 2: The phrase “their campaign or any others” shall be
533 added after “in support of”. The phrase “a candidate”
534 shall be deleted.

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536 Section 9, Item 3: The phrase “which are” shall be deleted. The comma
537 after the phrase “in support of a candidate” shall be
538 omitted. The phrase “their most recently updated”
539 shall be added after the phrase “provided it does not
540 infringe on”. The word “this” shall be deleted.

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542 Section 10, Item 1: The phrase “any candidate or slate” shall replace
543 the phrase “a candidate”.

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545 Section 10, Item 2. Separation of Members of Student Government.
546 shall now read:

547 A. Any member of Student Government Board who receives a
548 stipend as a result of their affiliation to the Student Government
549 Board (i.e., President, Board Members, Chief of Staff,
550 Communications Director, Chairpersons, and Allocations
551 Committee Members) may not campaign for a candidate or a
552 slate during official and unofficial student Government Board
553 business regardless of whether or not they are running in the
554 election. These members may campaign for a candidate or a
555 slate when not conducting official and unofficial Student
556 Government Board business.

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558 Section 10, Item 3. Exception to Separation of Members of Student
559 Government shall be deleted.

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561 Section 10, Item 4. Campaign Material shall become Section 10, Item
562 3. The comma after the phrase “in delivery to” shall be
563 omitted. A period shall replace the comma after the
564 phrase “or the candidate”. The phrase “This includes”
565 shall replace “including”. The remaining changes
566 described in this bill correspond to the new numbering
567 of items following this change.

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569 Section 10, Item 4: The word “and” shall replace the first use of the
570 word “or”. The phrase “candidate or slate’s” shall
571 replace “candidate’s”.

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573 Section 11, Item 1: The phrase “University of Pittsburgh SORC-
574 certified” shall be deleted. The phrase “certified by the
575 University of Pittsburgh Student Organization
576 Resource Center (SORC)” shall be added after the
577 phrase “student organization”. The word “a” shall be
578 added after the phrase “endorse a candidate or”.

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580 Section 11, Item 3. Restrictions shall be added.

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582 Section 11, Item 2: The phrase “Campaign Managers” shall replace
583 “campaign managers”. The phrase “at any time” shall
584 replace “anytime”. The phrase “as established in the
585 elections timetable” shall be added after “campaign
586 period”. The phrase “Candidates may not seek out
587 endorsements from academic departments. Solicitation
588 of endorsements for the benefit of a candidate or slate
589 may only be sought by the candidate(s) or campaign
590 manager. A candidate or campaign manager may not
591 knowingly seek out an endorsement that has already
592 been allotted to an organization’s maximum number of
593 candidates as outlined in Section 11, Item 6.” shall be
594 moved to Section 11, Item 3 titled Restrictions.

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596 Section 11, Item 3: The word “a” shall be added after the phrase “a
597 candidate or”. The word “out” shall be added after the
598 phrase “only be sought”. “Item 6” shall be replaced
599 with “Item 5”.

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601 Section 11, Item 4: The phrase “SORC-certified” shall be added after
602 “All”. The phrase “certified by the University of
603 Pittsburgh’s Office of Student Affairs” shall be deleted.
604 The word “and” shall replace “, or”. The phrase “or a
605 slate” shall be added after “in support of a candidate”.
606 The phrase “the Student Government Board Office in
607 Room 848” shall replace the phrase “room 841”. The
608 phrase “may be submitted” shall be deleted.

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610 Section 11, Item 6 shall become Section 11, Item 5. The phrase “board
611 member” shall be replaced by the phrase “Board
612 Member”. The phrase “presidential” shall be replaced
613 by the phrase “Presidential”.

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615 Section 11, Item 5 shall become Section 11, Item 6. The phrase
616 “candidates and slates of the endorsements they have
617 obtained within 48 hours of their receipt.” shall
618 replace the phrase “a slate or candidate of its/his/her
619 endorsement within 48 hours of receiving that
620 endorsement.”

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622 Section 11’s item titled “Public Disclosure” shall be deleted.

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624 Section 12, Item 2: The word “materials” shall replace the word
625 “posters”. The phrase “or a slate” shall be added after
626 the phrase “by a candidate”. The phrase “the Elections
627 Code” shall replace the phrase “this Election Code”.
628 The word “or” before the phrase “the Student code of
629 Conduct” shall be deleted.

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631 Section 12, Item 4 shall become Section 12, Item 3 titled “Disclosure”.
632 The word “materials” shall replace “material”. The
633 phrase “or a slate” shall be added after the word
634 “candidate”.
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636 Section 12, Item 3 shall become Section 12, Item 4. The phrase “or
637 slate” shall be added after “any candidate”.
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639 Section 13, Item 1. Definition shall be deleted.
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641 Section 13, Item 2 shall become Section 13, Item 1 titled “Membership
642 Restriction”. The remaining changes described in this
643 bill correspond to the new numbering of items
644 following this change.
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646 Section 13, Item 2: The word “in” shall replace the word “by”. The
647 phrase “Elections Timetable” shall replace “Elections
648 Committee”.
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650 Section 13, Item 3: The comma after the word “endorsed” shall be
651 omitted.
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653 Section 14, Item 1: The phrase “during the campaign period
654 established in the elections timetable” shall be added
655 after the phrase “voters in the campaign”. The phrase “
656 T-shirts are the only item that may have a value
657 exceeding \$1.00.” shall be deleted.
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659 Section 14, Item 2. Exception shall be added and read:
660 A. T-shirts are the only item that may have a value exceeding
661 \$1.00.
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663 Section 14, Item 2 titled "Elections Committee Authority" shall become
664 Section 14, Item 3. The phrase "all items" shall replace
665 "the item". The word "an" shall be added after the
666 phrase "in the form of a receipt or".

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668 Section 15, Item 2: The phrase "paper campaign" shall become
669 "targeted campaign".

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671 Section 15, Item 3: The words "items" shall replace "item".

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673 Section 15, Item 4 shall now read:

674 A. Stickers, self-adhesive materials, the painting of windows,
675 doors, or other fixtures, and any other placing of campaign
676 materials that in some way damages or defaces walls, doors,
677 windows, or other University fixtures are prohibited.

678

679 Section 15, Items 6, 7, and 8 shall be deleted.

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681 Section 15, Item 5 shall be titled "Posting Restrictions" and shall now
682 read:

683 A. Posters placed in the classrooms must be tacked with thumb
684 tacks or staples on the cork strip at the top of blackboards or on
685 the bulletin boards. They shall not be placed on ceilings, walls,
686 doors, or podiums. Only one poster may be placed in any
687 permitted classroom.

688 B. Specifically, posters may not be:

689 1. Hung in the Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms.
690 2. Hung in such a manner that they obstruct any other
691 posted campaign material.

692 a. All posters must be separated from any others
693 by at least one inch of space.

694 3. Posted on the outside of any University building or in
695 any unauthorized locations including but not limited

696 to blackboards, revolving doors, glass doors, and
697 windows.
698 4. Posted inside the residence halls without the consent
699 of the Elections Chair.
700 C. Sidewalk chalk may only be used to campaign on areas that are
701 susceptible to being washed away by environmental factors.
702 Candidates cannot chalk on walls, under covered areas (i.e.
703 walkways), or any of the paved areas surrounding the Cathedral
704 of Learning.
705 D. Candidates, Campaign Managers, and Campaign Staff are
706 permitted to hang their own flyers and other promotional
707 materials on the University of Pittsburgh's property during the
708 targeted campaign period established in the elections timetable.
709 Volunteers are permitted to flyer and chalk only on the day
710 before and the day of the election.
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712 Section 15, Item 6: The word "Litchfield" shall be added before the
713 word "Towers". The comma after the phrase "William
714 Pitt Union" shall be omitted.
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716 Section 15, Item 8 and Article 6: Section 5, Item 6: The phrase "Some
717 bulletin boards are the property of other University
718 departments or organizations and they reserve the
719 right to remove anything on these boards at their
720 discretion." shall be added to the beginning.
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722 Section 16, Item 1: The word "uses" shall replace the word "use". The
723 phrase "by candidates for the purposes of
724 campaigning" shall be added after the phrase "All uses
725 of social media".
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727 Section 16, Item 3 shall be deleted.
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729 Section 16, Item 2 shall be titled "Social Media Restrictions" and shall
730 now read:

- 731 A. Social media may not be used by candidates, campaign
732 managers, or campaign staff as a means of defaming or
733 promoting any candidate who is not a member of their slate or
734 campaign.
735 B. A candidate may not request for any other individual to use
736 social media to defame or promote any other candidate or slate
737 on behalf of their campaign.

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739 Section 16, Item 4 titled “Limitation of Authority” shall become Section
740 16, Item 3. The phrase “any website” shall be deleted.
741 The phrase “the website of any candidate or slate”
742 shall be added after the phrase “removal of
743 information on”. The phrase “if found to be in violation
744 of the Elections Code” shall be added after “remove
745 information”.

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747 Section 17, Items 1 and 3 shall be deleted.

748

749 Section 17, Item 4 titled “Definition” shall become Section 17, Item 1.
750 The remaining changes described in this bill
751 correspond to the new numbering of items following
752 this change.

753 Section 17, Item 2 shall be titled “Candidates and their Campaigns”
754 and shall read:

- 755 A. At no time shall any individual attempt to bribe, coerce,
756 intimidate, or otherwise attempt to exert undue influence on:
- 757 1. Any member of the Elections Committee or the
758 Judicial Committee.
 - 759 2. Any member of Student Government Board who
760 receives a stipend as a result of their affiliation to the
761 Student Government board.
 - 762 3. Any candidate or a member of their campaign staff.
 - 763 4. Any eligible voter in the election.

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765 Section 17, Item 3: The phrase “besides their own” shall be added after
766 the phrase “Pitt community”.

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768 Section 18, Item 2: The commas after the phrases “This includes” and
769 “but is not limited to” shall be deleted.

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771 Section 18, Item 3: The word “an” shall be added before the phrase
772 “administrative sanction”.

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774 Section 19, Item 1: The phrase “, election,” shall be added after the
775 phrase “knowledge of the candidates”.

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777 Article 4:

778 Section 1, Item 1: The phrase “of the University of Pittsburgh” shall be
779 added after the phrase “Oakland campus”. The word
780 “eligible” shall replace the word “qualified”. The
781 phrase “Votes cast for Board Members are not
782 restricted to those who belong to the same slate.” shall
783 be added at the end.

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785 Section 2, Item 1: The word “the” shall be added after “determine”. The
786 word “may” shall replace the word “might”.

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788 Section 2, Item 2: The phrase “Candidates will be notified of the final
789 decision of the committee no less than 48 hours before
790 the election.” shall be added to the end.

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792 Section 2, Item 3: The second use of the word “will” shall be deleted.

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794 Section 3, Item 1: The word “publicized” shall replace the phrase “shall
795 be made known”.

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797 Section 3, Item 2: The word “will” shall be replaced by the word “shall”.

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799 Section 3, Item 5 titled “Polling Stations” shall become Section 3, Item
800 3. The phrase “Candidates and endorsing” shall
801 replace the word “Endorsing”. The remaining changes
802 described in this bill correspond to the new numbering
803 of items following this change.

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805 Section 3, Item 5 titled “Elected Candidates” shall now read:

806 A. The elected President shall be the candidate receiving the
807 highest number of votes for the position of Student Government
808 Board President.

809 B. The elected Board Members shall be those eight candidates
810 receiving the highest number of votes for the position of Student
811 Government Board Board Member.

812 a. The elected Executive Vice President shall be the
813 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of those
814 eight candidates.

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816 Section 4, Item 2 titled “Announcement of Results” shall become
817 Section 4, Item 1. It shall read “Only after all ballots
818 have been counted and all offices decided with the
819 Elections Chair officially and publicly announce the
820 results of the election. No candidate may take office
821 until certified by the committee. Candidates shall be
822 notified of the election results by the Elections Chair
823 via their University of Pittsburgh email account
824 within one week of the day of balloting.” The
825 remaining changes described in this bill correspond to
826 the new numbering of items following this change.

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828 Section 4, Item 1 titled “Notification & Tie Votes” shall become Section
829 4, Item 2 and be titled “Tie Votes.” The phrase “The
830 Elections Committee shall be responsible for issuing
831 letters of election within one week of the day of
832 balloting to all candidates receiving a plurality of

833 votes.” shall be deleted. The phrase “original election
834 date” shall replace the phrase “initial date of election”.

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836 Article 5:

837 Section 1, Item 2: The number “24” shall replace the word “twenty-
838 four”. The phrase “has “occurred” shall replace
839 “occurs”.

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841 Section 1, Item 3: The word “immediately” shall be deleted. The phrase
842 “within 24 hours of receiving it” shall be added after
843 the phrase “determine whether all criteria for filing
844 have been met”. The word “a” shall be added after the
845 phrase “copy of the complaint along with”.

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847 Section 2, Item 3: The second use of the phrase “shall be” shall be
848 deleted.

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850 Section 2, Item 4: The space between the word “non-“ and the word
851 “participating” shall be omitted.

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853 Section 2, Item 5: The word “a” following the phrase “Elections
854 Committee as” shall be deleted. The phrase “non-
855 voting members” shall replace the phrase “non-voting
856 member”.

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858 Section 2, Item 6. Order of Presentation shall now read:

859 A. The order of presentation will be as follows:

860 1. Each party in the dispute will have 30 minutes to present
861 their case.

862 a. The Elections Committee may extend this time if
863 deemed necessary to obtain all pertinent
864 information.

865 2. The complainant shall make the first statement.

- 866 3. The defendant shall make a statement in support of their
867 position following the complainant.
868 4. Each side shall be permitted to have a rebuttal.
869 5. Elections Committee Members may ask questions at any
870 point in the proceedings.

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872 Section 2, Item 8: The phrase “Elections Chair” shall replace the
873 phrase “Chair of the Elections Committee”. The phrase
874 “only vote” shall replace the phrase “vote only”.

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876 Section 2, Item 9: The word “Committee” after the phrase “be found
877 guilty, the Elections” shall be deleted. The phrase
878 “regarding the” shall be added after the phrase “All
879 other disclosure of matters”. The word “of” before the
880 phrase “hearing is at the discretion” shall be deleted.

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882 Section 3, Item 2. Notification shall now read:

- 883 A. The ruling and disciplinary action of the Elections Committee
884 will be made known in writing within 24 hours after the hearing
885 has adjourned to the following individuals:
- 886 1. The Defendant.
 - 887 2. The Complainant.
 - 888 3. The Student Government Board Judicial Committee.

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890 Section 3, Item 3: The word “deposited” shall replace the word “put”
891 after the phrase “any withheld funds will be”. The
892 phrase “Prohibition of a” shall replace the phrase
893 “Prohibit the”.

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895 Section 4, Item 1: A period shall be added after the phrase “from the
896 time the email was sent to notify them”. The word
897 “Otherwise,” shall replace the word “or”.

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899 Section 4, Item 4: The word “immediately” shall be deleted. The phrase
900 “within 24 hours” shall be added after the phrase
901 “filing have been met”. A period shall be added after
902 the phrase “within 72 hours of the filing of the appeal”.
903 The word “The” shall replace the phrase “and the”. The
904 word “a” shall be added after the phrase “copy of the
905 appeal complaint along with”.

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907 Section 4, Item 7: The phrase “2/3 majority of” shall replace the phrase
908 “quorum of six officers of”. The word “Members” shall
909 be added after the phrase “Judicial Committee”. The
910 word “Judicial” shall be added before the word “Chair”.
911 The word “are” shall replace the word “is” after the
912 phrase “Judicial Chair”. The second use of the phrase
913 “shall be” shall be deleted.

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915 Section 4, Item 8: The word “Committee” shall be deleted in the title
916 and in Section A. The space between the words “non-“
917 and “voting” shall be omitted.

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919 Section 4, Item 9. Order of Presentation shall now read:

920 A. The order of presentation will be as follows:

- 921 1. Each party will have 20 minutes to present their case.
- 922 2. The Elections Chair shall also have 20 minutes to
923 explain the decision of the Elections Committee.
 - 924 a. The Judicial Committee may extend this time if
925 deemed necessary to obtain all pertinent
926 information.
- 927 3. The person appealing shall speak first followed by any
928 other party.
- 929 4. The Elections Chair shall speak last.
- 930 5. Judicial Committee Members may ask questions at
931 any point in the proceedings.

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933 Section 4, Item 11: The word “only” after the phrase “The Judicial
934 Committee may” shall be deleted and moved to be

935 before the phrase “one of the following ways:” The
936 phrase “of the appeal hearing” shall be added after the
937 phrase “conduct another hearing within 72 hours”. The
938 comma after the phrase “defendant not guilty” shall be
939 omitted. The phrase “an alternative sanction” shall
940 replace the phrase “a sanction alternative”.

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942 Section 4, Item 12. Restrictions on Judicial Committee shall now read:

943 A. The Judicial Committee specifically may not find a defendant
944 guilty of a charge different than the one on which they were
945 originally found innocent by the Elections Committee.

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947 Section 4, Item 13: The phrase “Judicial Chair” shall replace
948 Chairperson of the Judicial Committee”.

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950 Section 4, Item 14: The second use of the word “shall” shall be omitted.

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952 Article 6:

953 Section 1, Item 1: The phrase “the Student Government Board
954 Election” shall replace the phrase “candidate
955 elections”.

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957 Section 1, Item 2: The word “Elections” shall be replaced by the phrase
958 “The Elections”.

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960 Section 2, Item 1: The word “procedures” shall replace “procedure”.

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962 Section 3. Referendum Election Finance shall be replaced by
963 Referendum Election Finances.

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965 Section 3, Item 1: The word “recognized” shall be replaced by the
966 phrase “SORC-certified”. “\$100.00” shall replace
967 “\$100”.

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969 Section 4, Item 2: The word “the” shall replace “The”.

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971 Section 4, Item 3: The phrase “which are” shall be deleted. The comma
972 after the word “referendum” shall be omitted. The
973 phrase “it does” shall be replaced by the phrase “they
974 do”.

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976 Section 4, Item 4: The first use of the word “or” shall be replaced by
977 “and”.

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979 Section 5, Item 1: The phrase “as well as” shall be added after the
980 phrase “University rules and regulations,”

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982 Section 5, Item 2. Defacing University Property shall now read:

983 A. Stickers, self-adhesive materials, the painting of windows,
984 doors, or other fixtures, and any other placing of campaign
985 materials that in some way damages or defaces walls, doors,
986 windows, or other University fixtures are specifically prohibited.
987 Violations may result in the removal of said materials and/or
988 immediate disqualification of any candidate by the Elections
989 Committee.”

990

991 Section 5, Item 3 shall be titled “Posting Restrictions” and read:

992 A. Posters placed in the classrooms can be tacked with thumb tacks
993 or staples on the cork strip at the top of blackboards or on the
994 bulletin boards. They shall not be placed on ceilings, walls,
995 doors, or podiums. Only one poster may be placed in any
996 permitted classroom.

997 B. Specifically, posters may not be:

998 1. Hung in the Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms.

- 999 2. Hung in such a manner that they obstruct any other
1000 posted material.
1001 a. All posters must be separated from any others
1002 by at least one inch of space
1003 3. Posted on the outside of any University building or in
1004 any unauthorized location including but not limited to
1005 blackboards, revolving doors, glass doors, and
1006 windows.

1007

1008 Section 5, Item 6 titled “Banners” shall become Section 5, Item 4. The
1009 word “Litchfield” shall be added before the word
1010 “Towers”. The remaining changes described in this bill
1011 correspond to the new numbering of sections following
1012 this change.

1013

1014 Section 7, Item 2 shall read “Violations under SGB Judicial Committee
1015 Jurisdiction.” The phrase “(SGJC)” shall be deleted.

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1017 Section 7, Item 3: The word “Elections” shall be added after the phrase
1018 “Student Government Board, the”. The phrase
1019 “Judicial Committee” shall replace the phrase “SGJC”.
1020 The commas after the words “includes” and the phrase
1021 “not limited to” shall be omitted. The phrase “local,
1022 state, and federal” shall replace “Local, State, and
1023 Federal”.

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1025 Section 9, Item 1: The phrase “of the University of Pittsburgh” shall be
1026 added after the phrase “Oakland campus”. The word
1027 “eligible” shall replace the word “qualified”.

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1029 Section 10, Item 1: The second use of the phrase “shall be” shall be
1030 deleted.

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1032 Section 10, Item 2: The word “their” shall be deleted.

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1034 Section 10, Item 3: The comma after the word “buildings” shall be
1035 omitted.

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1037 Section 11, Item 1: The word “the” shall be added before the phrase
1038 “SGB President”; *and be it further*

1039 RESOLVED, that all numbering changes resulting from these
1040 revisions shall be automatic, pursuant to the rules set
1041 forth in items 1.1.1.0.4 and 1.1.1.0.5 of the Student
1042 Government Board Governing Code; *and be it finally*

1043 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective [immediately
1044 upon adoption] and shall reflect the changes shown in
1045 the attached document.

1046 ADOPTED: this 10th day of January 2017 by a vote of 9 for, 0
1047 against, and 0 abstentions.

Natalie Dall, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board