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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 revise the Student Government Board Elections Code;
now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

14 The phrase “elections code” shall read “Elections Code”.
The phrase “him or herself” shall be replaced with “themselves”.

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

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

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

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

Chapter 1. Elections Committee Bylaws

Article 1:

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

The word “Bylaws” shall replace “bylaws”.

Item 3. Duties and Responsibilities shall now read:

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

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.
All packets are subject to approval by the SGB Advisor.

4. To facilitate Student Government Board elections by:
   a. Opening and closing polling places.
   b. Maintaining accurate records of voting.
   c. Overseeing workers hired to operate the polls.
   d. Adjudicating cases involving infractions of the Elections Code or Elections Committee policies in accordance with the Elections Code.
   e. Preparing and publishing all notices in connection with the execution of the election.
   f. Planning and coordinating the events leading up to the election.

5. To arrange and moderate the presidential debate.

6. To arrange the inauguration of newly elected officeholders.

Article 2:

Section 1, Item 1. Membership shall now read:

A. The Elections Chair and Elections Committee Members shall be selected in accordance with the process indicated by the Student Government Board governing Code.

B. The number of committee members shall be determined by the chairperson to a maximum of eight members. The committee shall consist of no fewer than six members after the second week of fall term.

C. Committee members shall not run for a Board Member or Presidential position while serving on the committee.
   1. Committee members who wish to run for a Board or Presidential position in the spring term must resign by the last day of the fall term.

D. Committee members shall remain nonpartisan during the Student Government Board election process.
   1. Members cannot endorse a candidate or slate running for a Board Member or Presidential position.

E. If a committee member is found supporting a campaign in any fashion, the Elections Chair may dismiss them from the committee as outlined in Item 2.
F. Committee members may resign at any time with a written letter to the Elections Chair and the Student Government Board.

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

Section 2, Item 1. Chairperson shall now read:

A. Shall serve as the official spokesperson for the Elections Committee.

B. Shall report to the Board Liaison assigned to the Elections Committee.

C. Shall attend and present a report at all Student Government Board Public Meetings.

D. Shall keep five office hours per week in the Student Government Board office.

E. Shall create new officer positions with the approval of the Board Liaison and appoint the other officers of the committee, subject to approval by a simple majority of total membership of the committee.

F. Reserves the right to set up ad hoc committees or task forces under their committee.

G. Shall create the agendas for committee meetings and set meeting times in a designated place.

H. Shall supply the Student Government Board President, Board Liaison, and staff specialist with copies of meeting minutes and any other relevant paperwork.

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

Section 2, Item 3: The phrase “meeting and hearing minutes” shall replace “secretarial work”. The phrase “secretary for
the” shall be deleted. The phrase “office workers” shall be added after “Student Government Board”.

Article 3:

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

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

Chapter 2. The Elections Code

Article 1:

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

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

Section 1, Item 3: The comma after the word “members” shall be omitted. The phrase “Elections Committee Members” shall replace the phrase “Committee members”.
Section 1, Item 4: The word “Election” shall be replaced with “Elections”

Section 1, Item 5: Commas shall be added after the phrase “Governing Code” and after the word “honest”. The word “simple” shall replace the word “two-thirds”. The phrase “total membership of” shall be added after the phrase “majority of”.

Section 2, Item 1: “Definition” shall be added and read “Elections Committee Members shall be selected in accordance with the process indicated by the Student Government Board Governing Code to a maximum of eight members.” The remaining changes described in this bill correspond to the new numbering of items following this change.

Section 2, Item 2: The phrase “, slates,” shall be added after the word “candidates”.

Section 2, Item 4: The word “member” shall be replaced with “Member”.

Section 2, Item 5: The word “liaison” shall be replaced with the word “Liaison” and the phrase shall read “The Student Government Board Liaison to the Elections Committee shall be completely impartial to any candidate and lack any bias or appearance thereof. Should a conflict of interest arise, the liaison will be removed and a new liaison shall be assigned at the discretion of the Elections Committee Chair.”
A. The duties and responsibilities of the Elections Committee are:
   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. All packets are subject to approval by the SGB Advisor.
   4. To facilitate Student Government Board elections by:
      a. Opening and closing polling places.
      b. Maintaining accurate records of voting.
      c. Overseeing workers hired to operate the polls.
      d. Adjudicating cases involving infractions of the Elections Code or Elections Committee policies in accordance with the Elections Code.
      e. Preparing and publishing all notices in connection with the execution of the election.
      f. Planning and coordinating the events leading up to the election.
   5. To arrange and moderate the presidential debate.
   6. To arrange the inauguration of newly elected officeholders.

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

Section 1: “Definitions” shall be added.

Section 1, Item 1: The phrase “Definition of Elections Code” shall be added and read “The Elections Code is a body of guidelines set up by the Elections Committee which
governs the election process and all persons involved
with the election, including an individual candidate or
slate’s campaign.” The remaining changes described in
this bill correspond to the new numbering of sections
following this change.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1, Item 3 shall become Section 1, Item 4. The remaining
changes described in this bill correspond to the new
numbering of items following this change.
Section 1, Item 3: The phrase “SGB Petition and Application Packet” shall be added and read “The SGB Petition and Application Packet consists of an online form, a signature petition, a slate form if applicable, and a $100.00 check made out to the University of Pittsburgh. All individuals who wish to be considered as candidates in the election must complete this packet in its entirety.”

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

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

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

Section 1, Item 6. Endorsement shall become Section 1, Item 7 and now read:
A. An endorsement is the active promotion of a candidate by any University of Pittsburgh student organization or individual.

1. “Active promotion” means the organization or individual must offer some benefit to a candidate or slate that is not available to all other candidates or slates. They may only promote candidates through the methods outlined in Article 3: Section 11.

2. Endorsing organizations are limited to endorsing, at maximum, three candidates for Board Member and one candidate for President.

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

Section 1, Item 9: The phrase “A candidate who runs alone may have a maximum of five campaign staff members, 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. Campaign staff must be declared in the SGB Petition and Application packet at the beginning of the campaign and is subject to the approval of the Elections Committee.” shall be deleted. The phrase “Limits to the number of campaign staff members are outlined in Article 3: Section 4.” shall be added after the phrase “A campaign staff member is a non-candidate who serves as part of the campaign manager’s team.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2, Item 6 shall become Section 2, Item 5. The remaining changes described in this bill correspond to the new numbering of items following this change.
Section 2, Item 6: The phrase “established by the elections timetable” shall be replaced with the phrase “established in the elections timetable”.

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

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

Section 3, Item 4. Duties and Responsibilities shall now read:
A. The duties and responsibilities of the Campaign Manager are:
   1. To act as a liaison between their campaign and the Elections Committee.
   2. To post campaign materials on behalf of their campaign.
   3. To ensure that candidates and the campaign team are following the Elections Code.
   4. To manage the campaign team and delegate tasks for campaign staff and volunteers.

Section 3, Item 5. Restrictions shall be added and read:
A. A Campaign Manager may not speak to the general body of organizations in the place of the candidate(s) they represent.

Section 3, Item 6. Accountability shall be added and read:
A. A candidate takes on the full responsibility for any actions carried out by the Campaign Manager during the election.
Section 3, Item 7. Changes to Campaign Managers shall be added and read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Treasurer
2. Field Director
3. Finance Coordinator
Section 4, Item 5. Changes to Campaign Staff Members shall be added and now read:

A. Candidates and slates shall be permitted to change their Campaign Staff Members originally declared in the SGB Petition and Application Packet provided the outgoing and incoming Campaign Staff Members submit a statement to the Elections Chair confirming and explaining why they wish to do so.

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

Section 1. Campaign Volunteers shall now read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 7, Item 1. Governing Policy shall read:

A. All candidates shall be responsible for knowing and understanding:
   2. The policies set forth by the Elections Committee.
   3. The rules set forth in the University of Pittsburgh Student Code of Conduct.
   4. The policies of Computer Services and Systems Development.
   5. The rules and regulations of the University of Pittsburgh.
Section 7, Item 2: The phrase “Ignorance of Regulation” shall be replaced by the phrase “Ignorance of Regulations”.

Section 7, Item 3: The second use of the phrase “shall be” shall be deleted. The phrase “Candidates shall be held liable for any violation of University or Student Government board policies by their” shall be deleted. The word “committed” shall be added after the phrase “University or Student Government Board policies”. A comma shall be added after the second use of the word “campaign”.

Section 8. Campaign Finance: The word “Finances” shall replace the word “Finance”.

Section 8, Item 2: The word “Committee” after the phrase “disclosed to the Elections” shall be deleted.

Section 8, Item 3: The phrase “shall be” shall be added after the phrase “violation of the Elections Code, and”. The phrase “outlined in Article 5: Section 3, Item 3.” shall replace the phrase “described in this Election Code”.

Section 8, Item 4: The phrase “and/or” shall be added after the phrase “individuals,”

Section 8, Item 5. Receipts shall be added and read:

A. All proof of purchases must be submitted to the Elections Committee in the form of receipts or invoices at the time the purchases are received.
Section 9, Item 1: A comma shall be added after the word “resources”. The phrase “or a slate” shall be added after “of a candidate”.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 10, Item 3. Exception to Separation of Members of Student Government shall be deleted.
Section 10, Item 4. Campaign Material shall become Section 10, Item 3. The comma after the phrase “in delivery to” shall be omitted. A period shall replace the comma after the phrase “or the candidate”. The phrase “This includes” shall replace “including”. The remaining changes described in this bill correspond to the new numbering of items following this change.

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

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

Section 11, Item 3. Restrictions shall be added.

Section 11, Item 2: The phrase “Campaign Managers” shall replace “campaign managers”. The phrase “at any time” shall replace “anytime”. The phrase “as established in the elections timetable” shall be added after “campaign period”. The phrase “Candidates may not seek out endorsements from academic departments. Solicitation of endorsements for the benefit of a candidate or slate may only be sought by the candidate(s) or campaign manager. A candidate or campaign manager may not knowingly seek out an endorsement that has already been allotted to an organization’s maximum number of candidates as outlined in Section 11, Item 6.” shall be moved to Section 11, Item 3 titled Restrictions.
Section 11, Item 3: The word “a” shall be added after the phrase “a candidate or”. The word “out” shall be added after the phrase “only be sought”. “Item 6” shall be replaced with “Item 5”.

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

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

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

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

Section 12, Item 2: The word “materials” shall replace the word “posters”. The phrase “or a slate” shall be added after the phrase “by a candidate”. The phrase “the Elections Code” shall replace the phrase “this Election Code”. The word “or” before the phrase “the Student code of Conduct” shall be deleted.
Section 12, Item 4 shall become Section 12, Item 3 titled “Disclosure”. The word “materials” shall replace “material”. The phrase “or a slate” shall be added after the word “candidate”.

Section 12, Item 3 shall become Section 12, Item 4. The phrase “or slate” shall be added after “any candidate”.

Section 13, Item 1. Definition shall be deleted.

Section 13, Item 2 shall become Section 13, Item 1 titled “Membership Restriction”. The remaining changes described in this bill correspond to the new numbering of items following this change.

Section 13, Item 2: The word “in” shall replace the word “by”. The phrase “Elections Timetable” shall replace “Elections Committee”.

Section 13, Item 3: The comma after the word “endorsed” shall be omitted.

Section 14, Item 1: The phrase “during the campaign period established in the elections timetable” shall be added after the phrase “voters in the campaign”. The phrase “T-shirts are the only item that may have a value exceeding $1.00.” shall be deleted.

Section 14, Item 2. Exception shall be added and read:

A. T-shirts are the only item that may have a value exceeding $1.00.
Section 14, Item 2 titled “Elections Committee Authority” shall become
Section 14, Item 3. The phrase “all items” shall replace “the item”. The word “an” shall be added after the phrase “in the form of a receipt or”.

Section 15, Item 2: The phrase “paper campaign” shall become “targeted campaign”.

Section 15, Item 3: The words “items” shall replace “item”.

Section 15, Item 4 shall now read:

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

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

Section 15, Item 5 shall be titled “Posting Restrictions” and shall now read:

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

B. Specifically, posters may not be:

1. Hung in the Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms.
2. Hung in such a manner that they obstruct any other posted campaign material.
   a. All posters must be separated from any others by at least one inch of space.
3. Posted on the outside of any University building or in any unauthorized locations including but not limited
to blackboards, revolving doors, glass doors, and windows.

4. Posted inside the residence halls without the consent of the Elections Chair.

C. Sidewalk chalk may only be used to campaign on areas that are susceptible to being washed away by environmental factors. Candidates cannot chalk on walls, under covered areas (i.e. walkways), or any of the paved areas surrounding the Cathedral of Learning.

D. Candidates, Campaign Managers, and Campaign Staff are permitted to hang their own flyers and other promotional materials on the University of Pittsburgh’s property during the targeted campaign period established in the elections timetable. Volunteers are permitted to flyer and chalk only on the day before and the day of the election.

Section 15, Item 6: The word “Litchfield” shall be added before the word “Towers”. The comma after the phrase “William Pitt Union” shall be omitted.

Section 15, Item 8 and Article 6: Section 5, Item 6: The phrase “Some bulletin boards are the property of other University departments or organizations and they reserve the right to remove anything on these boards at their discretion.” shall be added to the beginning.

Section 16, Item 1: The word “uses” shall replace the word “use”. The phrase “by candidates for the purposes of campaigning” shall be added after the phrase “All uses of social media”.

Section 16, Item 3 shall be deleted.

Section 16, Item 2 shall be titled “Social Media Restrictions” and shall now read:
A. Social media may not be used by candidates, campaign managers, or campaign staff as a means of defaming or promoting any candidate who is not a member of their slate or campaign.

B. A candidate may not request for any other individual to use social media to defame or promote any other candidate or slate on behalf of their campaign.

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

Section 17, Items 1 and 3 shall be deleted.

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

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

A. At no time shall any individual attempt to bribe, coerce, intimidate, or otherwise attempt to exert undue influence on:
   1. Any member of the Elections Committee or the Judicial Committee.
   2. Any member of Student Government Board who receives a stipend as a result of their affiliation to the Student Government board.
   3. Any candidate or a member of their campaign staff.
   4. Any eligible voter in the election.
Section 17, Item 3: The phrase “besides their own” shall be added after the phrase “Pitt community”.

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

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

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

Article 4:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4, Item 1 titled “Notification & Tie Votes” shall become Section 4, Item 2 and be titled “Tie Votes.” The phrase “The Elections Committee shall be responsible for issuing letters of election within one week of the day of balloting to all candidates receiving a plurality of
votes.” shall be deleted. The phrase “original election date” shall replace the phrase “initial date of election”.

Article 5:

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. The order of presentation will be as follows:

1. Each party in the dispute will have 30 minutes to present their case.
   a. The Elections Committee may extend this time if deemed necessary to obtain all pertinent information.

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

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

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

Section 3, Item 2. Notification shall now read:
A. The ruling and disciplinary action of the Elections Committee will be made known in writing within 24 hours after the hearing has adjourned to the following individuals:
1. The Defendant.
2. The Complainant.
3. The Student Government Board Judicial Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. The order of presentation will be as follows:

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

Section 4, Item 11: The word “only” after the phrase “The Judicial Committee may” shall be deleted and moved to be
before the phrase “one of the following ways.” The
phrase “of the appeal hearing” shall be added after the
phrase “conduct another hearing within 72 hours”. The
comma after the phrase “defendant not guilty” shall be
omitted. The phrase “an alternative sanction” shall
replace the phrase “a sanction alternative”.

Section 4, Item 12. Restrictions on Judicial Committee shall now read:
A. The Judicial Committee specifically may not find a defendant
guilty of a charge different than the one on which they were
originally found innocent by the Elections Committee.

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

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

Article 6:
Section 1, Item 1: The phrase “the Student Government Board
Election” shall replace the phrase “candidate
elections”.

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

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

Section 3. Referendum Election Finance shall be replaced by
Referendum Election Finances.
Section 3, Item 1: The word “recognized” shall be replaced by the phrase “SORC-certified”. “$100.00” shall replace “$100”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. Specifically, posters may not be:

1. Hung in the Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms.
2. Hung in such a manner that they obstruct any other posted material.
   a. All posters must be separated from any others by at least one inch of space
3. Posted on the outside of any University building or in any unauthorized location including but not limited to blackboards, revolving doors, glass doors, and windows.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 10, Item 2: The word “their” shall be deleted.
Section 10, Item 3: The comma after the word “buildings” shall be omitted.

Section 11, Item 1: The word “the” shall be added before the phrase “SGB President”; 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 10th day of January 2017 by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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Natalie Dall, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board