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ADDING THE FIRST YEAR COUNCIL TO THE SGB GOVERNING CODE

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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[11 APRIL 2017]
Rohit Anand introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first time.

[18 APRIL 2017]
Read the second time and voted on.

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A BILL

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1 WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board sought to increase first year student involvement in our initiatives and committee membership;
2 WHEREAS, the inaugural First Year Council proved to be largely successful this past semester; now, therefore, be it
3 RESOLVED, on this [18th day of April in the year 2017], the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board enacts the following addition to the Student Government Board Governing Code:
4 “Title 2, Chapter 1, Article 3, Item 1, A
5 7. Serve as the Board Member Liaison to the First Year Council.
6 Title 2, Chapter 2, Article 2, Item 1, A
7 9. Serve as the Chair and Speaker of the First Year Council.
Title 2, Chapter 3, Article 6. First Year Council

Item 1. Purpose of the First Year Council

A. The First Year Council serves as the combined research and outreach branch of Student Government Board.

B. The main goals of the First Year Council are as follows:
   1. Provide a first year student perspective on all SGB initiatives and activities.
   2. Assist Board Members and Committees with research on ongoing initiatives.

Item 2. Structure of the First Year Council

A. The First Year Council shall be led by the Vice President and Chief of Cabinet and Chief of Staff.

B. The First Year Council will consist of appointed first year students selected through an application and interview process:
   1. The nominating committee must include, but is not limited to: the President, the Vice President and Chief of Cabinet, and the Chief of Staff.
   2. All appointments must be done in the Fall semester.
   3. The final Committee size is left to the discretion of the nominating committee, but 10 members is suggested.

Item 3. First Year Council Committee Chair

A. The Chief of Staff shall serve as the Chair and Speaker of the First Year Council and shall coordinate the First Year Council to accomplish its goals and initiatives.

B. The Vice President and Chief of Cabinet shall serve as the Board liaison to the First Year Council and will work with the Chief of Staff to further the mission of the First Year Council.

Item 4. First Year Council Member Duties

A. The duties and responsibilities of each First Year Council Member include the following:
   1. Have a general knowledge base of SGB operations and current initiatives.
   2. Aid in SGB outreach to the student body, and facilitate campus relations.
3. Assist with general research of SGB projects as determined by the Vice President and Chief of Cabinet and Chief of Staff
4. Plan and execute initiatives with the guidance of the Board and Chief of Staff
5. Sit on at least one Conditional Committee and attend the weekly meetings of said Committee
6. Attend at least one meeting of each Conditional Committee per semester
7. Attend at least one SGB Public Meeting per month

Item 5. First Year Council Meetings
A. Meetings of the First Year Council will be organized and chaired by the Chief of Staff
B. Meetings shall take place at least once every two weeks

Item 6. Length of Term
A. Each member of the First Year Council shall serve from the date of appointment through the last Friday before the finals week of the Spring semester.
B. Resignations shall be submitted in writing to the Chief of Staff and Vice President and Chief of Cabinet.”; 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 [18th day of April 2017] by a vote of [#] for, [#] against, and [#] abstentions.

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Natalie R. Dall, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board