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UPDATING THE 2017-2018 SGB GOVERNING CODE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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President Kneis introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first time.

12 SEPTEMBER 2017
Read the second time and voted on.

A BILL
TO UPDATE THE 2017-2018 GOVERNING CODE

1 WHEREAS, the Student Government Board Governing Code is
2 meant to clearly outline and organize the duties and
3 operations of the Student Government Board;
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5 WHEREAS, changes from creating the position of Communications
6 Director were not fully incorporated into the
7 Governing Code last spring;
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9 WHEREAS, the Code is relatively new and contains some unclear
10 language;
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WHEREAS, language pertaining to student organizations registered with the Student Organization Resource Center used outdated terminology

WHEREAS, Student Government Board wishes to be inclusive of students of all gender identities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, on this 12th day of September in the year 2017, the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board enacts the following revisions to the Student Government Board Governing Code:

Item 1.4.1.0.4A Change “Director” to “Direct”

Item 1.4.1.0.5.B add the words “, by a simple majority word” to the end of the clause.

Item 2.1.0.1.B1 now reads “Appoint the Vice President and Chief of the Finance, Vice President and Chief of Cabinet, Chief of Staff, and Communications Director”

Item 2.1.0.1.D1 now reads “Hold 15 office hours per week in the SGB Office”

Item 2.1.0.1.D6 now reads “Keep an attendance record of each Board Member and Committee Chair at public meetings and notify those with unexcused absences”

Item 2.1.4.0.1.A4 now reads “Create and manage the Student Government Board budget”

Item 2.1.5.0.1.A3 replace the words “he or she is” with “they are”
Item 2.1.5.0.2.B shall now read “A Board Member may have a total of three unexcused absences during their term for each weekly planning session.”

Item 2.2.0.1.B shall be added and read “The President reserves the right to remove the Chief of Staff at any time”

Item 2.2.0.2.A3 shall now read “Assist in the planning of SGB events”

Item 2.2.0.2.A4 shall now read “Assist in overseeing the Student Office Assistants on behalf of the President.”

Item 2.2.3.0.1.B shall be added and read “The President reserves the right to remove the Communications Director at any time”

Item 2.2.3.0.2.C2 shall be inserted and read “If the Communications Director should choose to serve as a member of a Campaign Team in the spring term, they must resign by the last day of the fall term.”

Item 1.6.1.2.2.B the words “Press Secretary” will be replaced with “the Communications Director”

Item 1.6.1.4.2.A shall read “When any Board Member wishes to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Board, they shall raise their hand to obtain the attention of the Chair.”

Item 1.6.1.5.4.B shall be inserted and read “The Chair shall have discretion to determine what qualifies as germane”

Item 7.3 shall now read “SORC Registered Student Organizations

A. The University has established a system of registration for student organizations to ensure the rights of students to freely form associations, to define the relationship between the
University and student organizations, to maintain the right to choose which student organizations it recognizes, and to ensure that the requirements for registration, the privileges received through registration, and the policies and procedures that govern student organizations are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner.

B. All organizations must be registered by the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC) to officially operate on campus. Please visit http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/sorc/ to learn how to register an organization.

C. Although a student group may be listed in the SORC directory, that does not necessarily mean that they are SORC-registered.

**Item 2. SORC-Registered Student Organization Finances**

A. Eligible SORC-Registered Student Organizations shall request funds from SGB through the Allocations Process outlined in the Allocations Manual.

B. Requirements for eligibility are listed in the Allocations Manual.

Item 8.3.0.0.2.A “certified” will be replaced with “registered”

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Item 8.6.0.0.1.B shall now read “The program offers grants of up to $250 to lower the cost of travel to and from the conference. Student Government Board has set aside $10,000 out of the Student Activities Fund to fund this program.

Item 8.6.0.0.3.B2 Replace “its” with “their”

Item 8.6.0.0.3.B7 will be inserted and read “If an applicant is not approved, they may appeal to the Student Government Board President, who will make a final decision on the application.”

Item 8.7.0.0.1.B shall now read “The program offers grants of up to $250 in Panther Funds to help offset the costs incurred by students when replacing their belongings. Student Government Board sets aside $2,000 per semester in its own budget to fund this program.
Item 8.7.0.0.2.A shall have the words “or when students reach out to Student Government Board” added to the end of the clause.

Item 8.7.0.0.2.B shall now read “The applicant must be an undergraduate student of the University of Pittsburgh, Oakland campus and not enrolled in the College of General Studies.”

Item 8.7.0.0.4.A shall now read “Funds shall be granted through Panther Funds” and be it further

RESOLVED, that all numbering changes resulting from these revisions shall be automatic, pursuant to the rules set forth in items 1.1.1.0.4 and 1.1.1.0.5 of the Student Government Board Governing Code; and be it finally RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall reflect the changes shown in the attached document.

ADOPTED: this 12th day of September 2017 by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Max Kneis, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board