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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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12 WHEREAS, language pertaining to student organizations
13 registered with the Student Organization Resource
14 Center used outdated terminology

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

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

21 Item 1.4.1.0.4A Change “Director” to “Direct”
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23 Item 1.4.1.0.5.B add the words “, by a simple majority word” to the end
24 of the clause.
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26 Item 2.1.1.0.1.B1 now reads “Appoint the Vice President and Chief of
27 the Finance, Vice President and Chief of Cabinet,
28 Chief of Staff, and Communications Director”
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30 Item 2.1.1.0.1.D1 now reads “Hold 15 office hours per week in the SGB
31 Office”
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33 Item 2.1.1.0.1.D6 now reads “Keep an attendance record of each Board
34 Member and Committee Chair at public meetings and
35 notify those with unexcused absences”
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37 Item 2.1.4.0.1.A4 now reads “Create and manage the Student
38 Government Board budget”
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40 Item 2.1.5.0.1.A3 replace the words “he or she is” with “they are”
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42 Item 2.1.5.0.2.B shall now read “A Board Member may have a total of
43 three unexcused absences during their term for each
44 weekly planning session.”

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46 Item 2.2.2.0.1.B shall be added and read “The President reserves the
47 right to remove the Chief of Staff at any time”

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49 Item 2.2.2.0.2.A3 shall now read “Assist in the planning of SGB
50 events”

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52 Item 2.2.2.0.2.A4 shall now read “Assist in overseeing the Student
53 Office Assistants on behalf of the President.”

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

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

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

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

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

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72 Item 7.3 shall now read “SORC Registered Student Organizations

73 A. The University has established a system of registration for
74 student organizations to ensure the rights of students to freely
75 form associations, to define the relationship between the

76 University and student organizations, to maintain the right to
77 choose which student organizations it recognizes, and to ensure
78 that the requirements for registration, the privileges received
79 through registration, and the policies and procedures that
80 govern student organizations are administered in a
81 nondiscriminatory manner.

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

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

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

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

92 B. Requirements for eligibility are listed in the Allocations
93 Manual.”
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95 Item 8.3.0.0.2.A “certified” will be replaced with “registered”
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97 Item 8.4.0.0.2.A “certified” will be replaced with “registered”

98 Item 8.6.0.0.1.B shall now read “The program offers grants of up to
99 \$250 to lower the cost of travel to and from the conference. Student
100 Government Board has set aside \$10,000 out of the Student Activities
101 Fund to fund this program.
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103 Item 8.6.0.0.3.B2 Replace “its” with “their”
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105 Item 8.6.0.0.3.B7 will be inserted and read “If an applicant is not
106 approved, they may appeal to the Student Government Board
107 President, who will make a final decision on the application.”
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109 Item 8.7.0.0.1.B shall now read “The program offers grants of up to \$250 in
110 Panther Funds to help offset the costs incurred by students when
111 replacing their belongings. Student Government Board sets aside
112 \$2,000 per semester in its own budget to fund this program.

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114 Item 8.7.0.0.2.A shall have the words “or when students reach out to
115 Student Government Board” added to the end of the clause.

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

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

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

128 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately
129 upon adoption and shall reflect the changes shown in
130 the attached document.

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

Max Kneis, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board