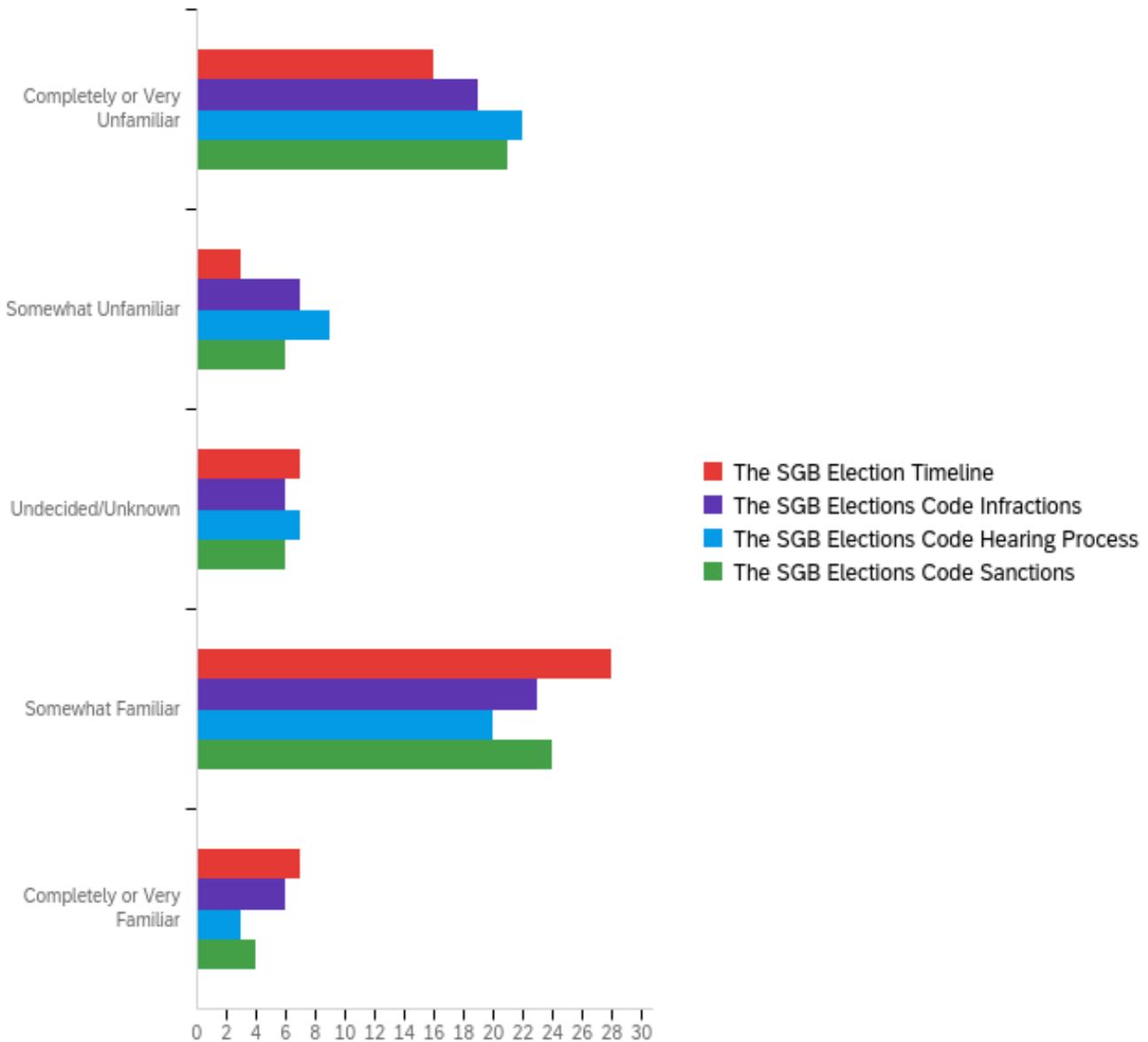


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Q3 - Please describe your familiarity with the following areas related to SGB as a whole

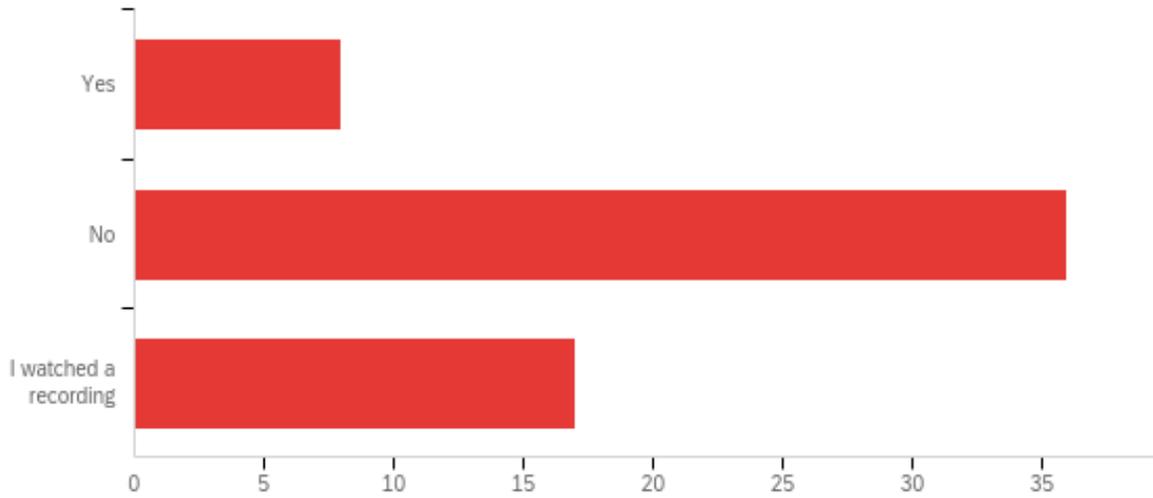


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The SGB Election Timeline	1.00	5.00	3.11	1.42	2.00	61

2	The SGB Elections Code Infractions	1.00	5.00	2.84	1.45	2.10	61
3	The SGB Elections Code Hearing Process	1.00	5.00	2.56	1.39	1.92	61
4	The SGB Elections Code Sanctions	1.00	5.00	2.74	1.44	2.06	61

#	Question	Completely or Very Unfamiliar		Somewhat Unfamiliar		Undecided/Unknown		Somewhat Familiar		Completely or Very Familiar		Total
1	The SGB Election Timeline	26.23%	16	4.92%	3	11.48%	7	45.90%	28	11.48%	7	61
2	The SGB Elections Code Infractions	31.15%	19	11.48%	7	9.84%	6	37.70%	23	9.84%	6	61
3	The SGB Elections Code Hearing Process	36.07%	22	14.75%	9	11.48%	7	32.79%	20	4.92%	3	61
4	The SGB Elections Code Sanctions	34.43%	21	9.84%	6	9.84%	6	39.34%	24	6.56%	4	61

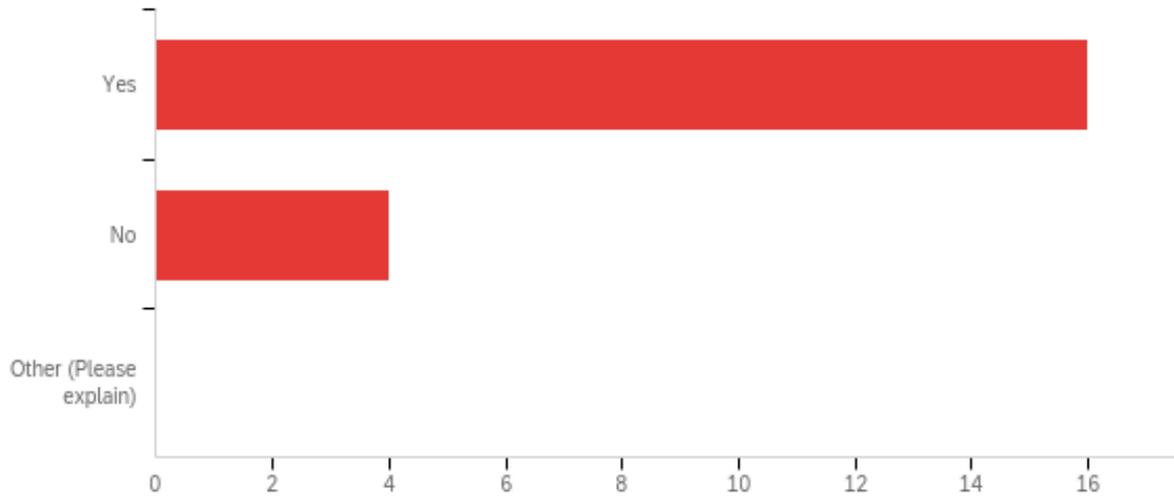
Q8 - Did you attend either of the two Elections-related SGB programs: Meet the Candidates and/or the Presidential Debate?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Did you attend either of the two Elections-related SGB programs: Meet the Candidates and/or the Presidential Debate?	1.00	3.00	2.15	0.62	0.39	61

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	13.11%	8
2	No	59.02%	36
3	I watched a recording	27.87%	17
	Total	100%	61

Q9 - Did these programs help you understand the candidates' platforms better?



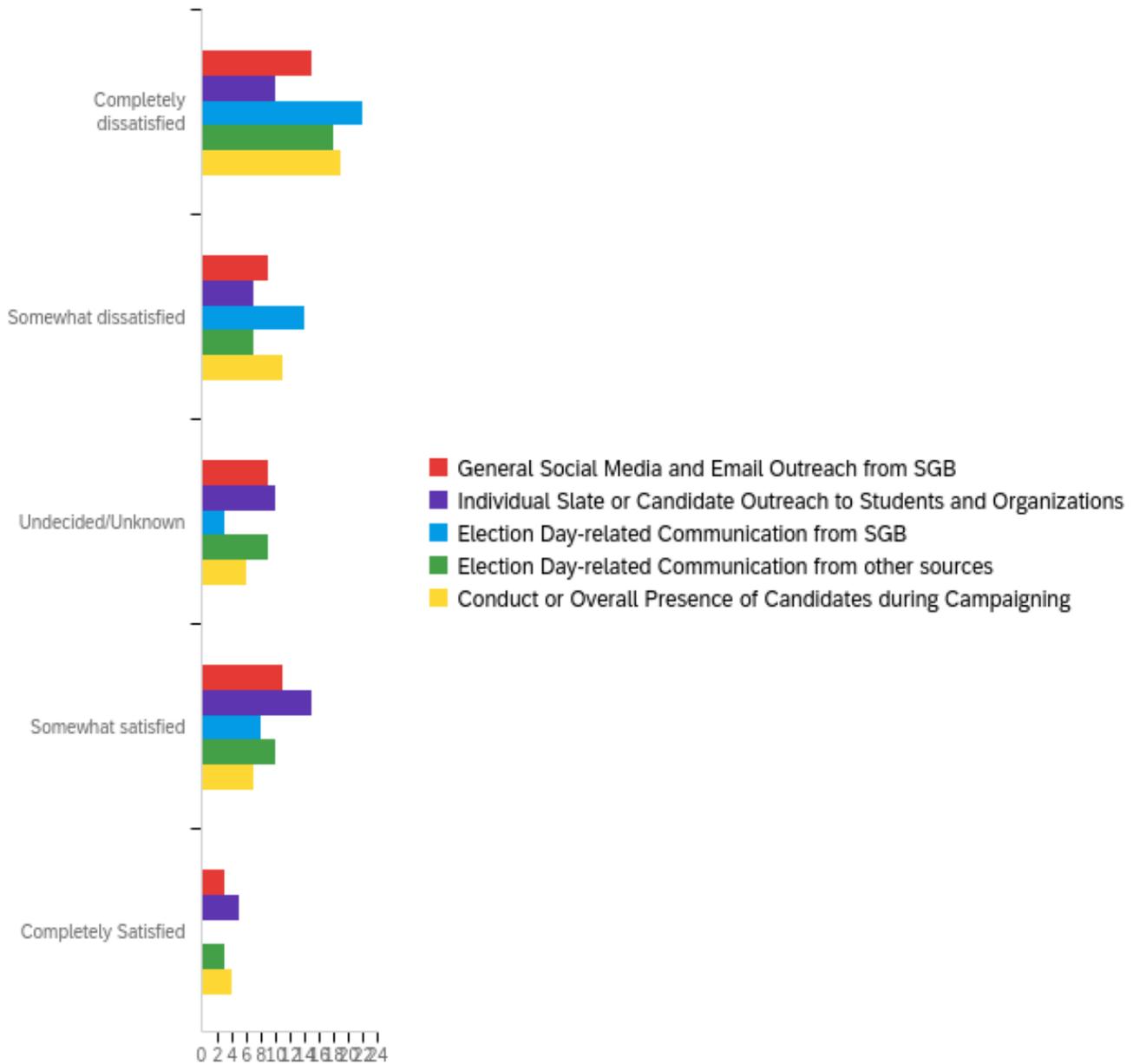
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Did these programs help you understand the candidates' platforms better? - Selected Choice	1.00	2.00	1.20	0.40	0.16	20

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	80.00%	16
2	No	20.00%	4
3	Other (Please explain)	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	20

Q9_3_TEXT - Other (Please explain)

Other (Please explain) - Text

Q4 - Please describe your satisfaction of the following areas related to the 2021 Student Government Board Election.

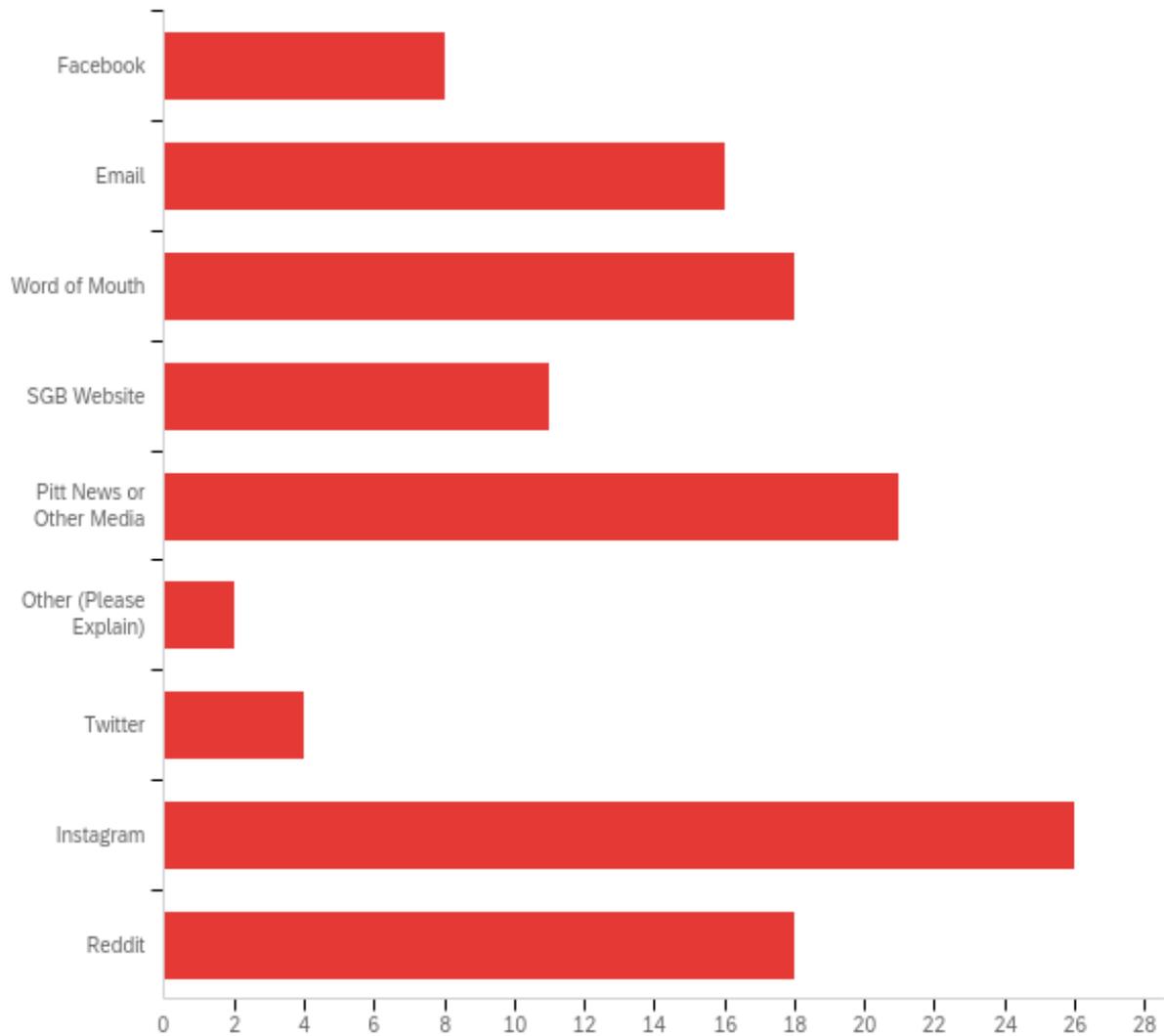


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	General Social Media and Email Outreach from SGB	1.00	5.00	2.53	1.32	1.74	47
2	Individual Slate or Candidate Outreach to Students and Organizations	1.00	5.00	2.96	1.32	1.74	47
3	Election Day-related Communication from SGB	1.00	4.00	1.94	1.10	1.21	47
4	Election Day-related Communication from other sources	1.00	5.00	2.43	1.35	1.82	47

5	Conduct or Overall Presence of Candidates during Campaigning	1.00	5.00	2.28	1.35	1.82	47
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#	Question	Completely dissatisfied		Somewhat dissatisfied		Undecided/Unknown		Somewhat satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Total
1	General Social Media and Email Outreach from SGB	31.91%	15	19.15%	9	19.15%	9	23.40%	11	6.38%	3	47
2	Individual Slate or Candidate Outreach to Students and Organizations	21.28%	10	14.89%	7	21.28%	10	31.91%	15	10.64%	5	47
3	Election Day-related Communication from SGB	46.81%	22	29.79%	14	6.38%	3	17.02%	8	0.00%	0	47
4	Election Day-related Communication from other sources	38.30%	18	14.89%	7	19.15%	9	21.28%	10	6.38%	3	47
5	Conduct or Overall Presence of Candidates during Campaigning	40.43%	19	23.40%	11	12.77%	6	14.89%	7	8.51%	4	47

Q6 - How do you primarily get information on Student Government Board? Please select all that apply.

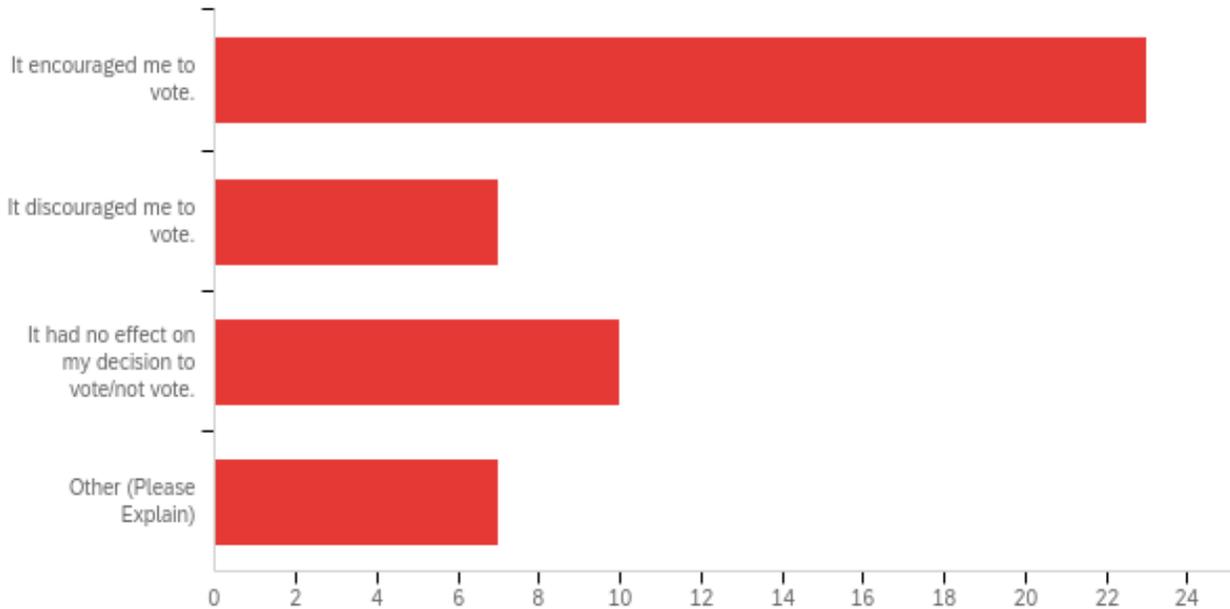


#	Answer	%	Count
1	Facebook	6.45%	8
2	Email	12.90%	16
3	Word of Mouth	14.52%	18
4	SGB Website	8.87%	11
5	Pitt News or Other Media	16.94%	21
6	Other (Please Explain)	1.61%	2
7	Twitter	3.23%	4

8	Instagram	20.97%	26
9	Reddit	14.52%	18
	Total	100%	124

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Q10 - Did the communication regarding the SGB Election (from SGB and elsewhere) encourage or discourage you to vote in the Election?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Did the communication regarding the SGB Election (from SGB and elsewhere) encourage or discourage you to vote in the Election? - Selected Choice	2.00	5.00	3.02	1.14	1.30	47

#	Answer	%	Count
2	It encouraged me to vote.	48.94%	23
3	It discouraged me to vote.	14.89%	7
4	It had no effect on my decision to vote/not vote.	21.28%	10
5	Other (Please Explain)	14.89%	7
	Total	100%	47

Q10_5_TEXT - Other (Please Explain)

Other (Please Explain) - Text

The information I received regarding the election discouraged me to vote, though I voted anyway.

I was encouraged to vote, but now there's three people leading as president????

I had never voted before and it encouraged me to vote

It made me yearn for death

I don't recall receiving any communication from SGB except for on the day of the election.

I was going to vote but after seeing the report of what happened, I voted right away

I voted but I now realize my vote never mattered.

Q5 - Please tell us about your experience and input regarding improving the 2021 SGB Election process. This can be related to our Elections Code, Elections programming, communication, social media and online presence, amongst other things.

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Citing a document that doesn't exist the night before the election, and then citing a document that doesn't apply to the buildings involved in the infraction the day of the election, and applying these rules arbitrarily when the incident in question has occurred before but wasn't acted upon does not give me confidence in this institution. This election, from the beginning, was a sham. The answers given, the reasons stated, the public letters from the acting president are all insufficient. You have proven that this is not an institution for the Pitt student body. This is an institution that overly ambitious people use to write nice things on their resumes. The infraction had occurred before with no action, the elections codes were haphazardly applied, and after everything was said and done, both individuals involved were in the SGB anyway. It's disgraceful, but it is not surprising.

I think a lot of students were unaware of the policies and practices of SGB. The misunderstanding of what is and what is not allowed for campaigning spiraled out of control. I think in the future candidates should not be allowed to make complaints about other candidates. I think that should be the job of the campaign manager. When Tyler's name was made public, he was attacked and vilified. While no one should have to go through that, there should be a new process for election complaints.

I just got to this campus and I already want SGB abolished and replaced with a better system. Cheers!

Leading up to the election communication was fine, I understood the process and how voting and election rules worked. However, I was completely dissatisfied with the conduct of current SGB members the night before and day of elections. It was made very clear that the opinions of students were not important to the board. It also made SGB incompetent as they stated multiple times certain campaign strategies were against the code of conduct and RA agreement when neither of those things applied, a word of advice from an RA: please consult the code of conduct or ask an RA before making assumptions, always do your research because students no longer trust you.

I think it was clearly a sham. Supposedly the SGB has a 'process' that was 'followed'. I will grant that, although the results of the process are not public, and the Vision slate disputes that the process was followed. I believe that any electoral process that allows an entire slate of candidates to be removed from the ballot at 5 am on Election Day is inherently unfair. It confirms my belief that SGB is largely a bunch of incompetent wannabes and I am ashamed that they get to act under the guise of representing me. The SGB is not needed to allocate funds to student organizations, and if having a process like this is how they conduct business it is highly likely that their allocations processes are also unfair and or unjust. I'd like to see SGB replaced with a more efficient and equitable process for student allocations, or for the university to just stop funding student organizations. People in the organizations can raise their own funds, especially considering we pay for it anyways with our activity fee.

Voting like it matters and then instating the 2 candidates that lost as VPs; SGB is a joke and needs to have a stronger external oversight committee so that something like this isn't even possible.

If you're going to allow slates to be booted off the ballot the night before an election, you should probably have better reason, and you should probably address "complaints" on the Sunday they're made, not wait until the last minute. Awful look.

SGB seems really stupid. I feel like people in SGB don't do anything and it's just a little group of buddies that try to make their club exclusive. This election really highlighted that.

I think the SGB voting process would be much better if you disbanded SGB. Tear down Cathy, Sweet Caroline sucks ass, go Penn State

The only candidate I had heard of up to the election was Tyler. He was the only one to bother to reach out to the student groups that I am a part of. I am disappointed by the lack of information on other candidates though I suppose that was in large part due to the other candidates lack of effort. When I tried to search the SGB site to understand the other candidates, the information there was laid out so horribly that it is difficult to actually read through. If whoever makes that website could learn to use paragraphs at all then the readability would be much improved. As it was it took me too long to glean anything at all from each candidate's writeup. I am sure that many people did not bother to try to read those at all because of how horribly that site was designed. Further I am extremely disappointed in the lack of transparency from the elections code enforcement. Eliminating an entire slate hours before an election has got to be the dumbest move I've heard of. There was no indication as best I could tell that was a possible result, and so the committee interfered with the elections not just by removing candidates but by souring the candidacy of any students who currently had ties to SGB. These moves should have been laid out as a possibility the moment a potential infraction was reported. Further if truly necessary the results should have been invalidated at a future date and reelections held. While I'm sure doing so would draw much ire from those who see SGB as corrupt, if the disqualification was the correct disciplinary action then a reelection would have been the better option over interfering with an election mere hours from its start.

Stop leaving us in the dark it looks bad when SGB hides its shady business

If there is ever a reason to disqualify a candidate in the hours before polls open, you need to push back the election by at least a week so you can have a proper evaluation of the situation and give students time to make educated decisions about their votes.

I think it would be helpful to send emails throughout the year relating to when the Election process begins and how people can get involved. I feel like many students probably do not check the SGB website as often as other sources (such as email or other social media), so I think it would be beneficial to directly inform the student population as a whole through email as opposed to students having to check the site that they may/may not be aware of. I think this kind of method should apply to any news or updates related to students too so that everyone will be more aware of different types of information.

Candidates should not be removed from the ballot hours before the polls open.

Why should we even vote if tyler still gets a position even if he lost the election. This shows that this election was a fraud and that no one cares about honesty or ethics. It unfortunate our tuition money is being wasted on greek life which most of the community does not even participate in. What a horrible organization

Very unfortunate how this election turned out and all of the drama and violations. It was nice to see the campus coming together to vote against brightside as the community saw what they did was wrong and spread the word to vote against the party. Countless of students who never vote in these elections (me included) due to how little SGB does for the pitt community, came out to vote against this brightside group was surprising. The SGB has little to no respect due to this incident and countless others in the past

I felt that communication was lacking unity and effectiveness this year, leading to significant confusion and rumors/misinformation being spread throughout the student body on various platforms. It is my belief that SGA would benefit from some form of PR head or communications director to ensure that communication from various committees and individuals across all mediums was unified and to head off misinformation before it spreads. Had statements about the infractions and sanctions been released earlier and more importantly, focused on specific reasons, policies and processes that were followed instead of fueling discussion on the morality of actions taken rather than the legality, a lot of harm and misinformation could have been diverted. There were several articles in the Pitt News, Post-Gazette as well as posts on platforms like Reddit that got significant attention but had no official statements or participation by SGA itself. Having someone actually reach out with comments and official statements through these mediums as well as including a better constructed statement within the initial SGB communication that included the first news of the disqualification on election day would have been significantly beneficial to clear the air and take control of the narratives being spread around.

The only correspondence I received from SGB was on the day of the election telling me to vote. I had no idea there was an election until the day of and feel like I didn't have the time to properly research the candidates.

hi!

The handling of the "investigation" was completely mishandled. It felt rushed and the facts are there that bias could have existed during the investigation whether it is admitted or not

I was extremely disappointed that I couldn't vote in the election. I submitted a vote for the president office only, before my window crashed. I tried to return to the form to continue voting but after clicking the link it told me I had already submitted the form, which I had not. I feel like I can't be the only person who has had this issue. Especially during the pandemic, we should all be familiar with unexpected technology issues. That this wasn't planned for seems like an oversight. The elections chair did try to find a solution but ultimately said there was nothing she could do. I hope the SGB can find a solution for future elections.

Well don't remove a slate the day of an election and definitely don't blame it on faulty precedents that you pick and choose when to apply. And DEFINITELY don't add the person who didn't win an election to support the position we didn't vote him in for. Just overall be better.

The only reason I knew there was an election was because the Pitt News posted about the messiness between a slate and presidential candidate. I would argue that SGB interactions on Facebook are quite low because the content is pretty boring. There really aren't options for students to get involved and interact with SGB without being in a position to do so. This past year just seemed like SGB works in its own silo and doesn't collaborate with or uplift other organizations -which I would argue should be part of the role of SGB.

[REDACTED]. My first concern involves the Elections Committee Bylaws. Article 2, Section 1, Item 1A allows for a member of the committee to run for Board if they "resign by the last day of the fall term". It is stated again in Article 3, Section 2, Item 3C of the Elections Code. I feel that it is time for this exception to be entirely terminated. A term is quite a long time for a committee to get close with one another and may make it difficult for any possible hearing process to remain nonpartisan. I am aware that a candidate on the Brightside slate was on this Elections Committee for a period of time before resigning to run for Board. I was surprised this did not receive more attention, and I think the conflict of interest could cause a serious public outcry in the future (and we're lucky it didn't this time). I would also recommend that, similarly, the exception should no longer apply to Judicial Committee members. Any student who applies for these committees should be completely dedicated to serving a full term, and not using it as a subtle way of staying involved in SGB before an election (or worse), as there are plenty of other opportunities available. This is not to say that resignation should be made illegal, simply that any resignees should not be allowed to run in that year's election. Obviously, there will always be flaws in our Code, but I think the bigger question is that of transparency. Perhaps most relevantly, I think elections-related proceedings need to be recorded in some manner for public reference. The confusion around the Elections and Judicial committee hearings seem to have caused more problems than the content of the hearings themselves, and it was not helped by student media coverage. If we were all able to access either a video/audio file or a simple transcription, it would allow for everyone to come to their own conclusion, citing actual decisions and events. I'm not sure how far-reaching this could be -- perhaps it is only realistic for these sorts of hearings (obviously some cases require discretion and anonymity) but I think it can be applied in one form or another more generally. To speak more to that general transparency, I suggest that the SGB website is given a solid makeover. While it carries out its physical purpose, it seems that many parts of it are left unattended at the moment. Meeting minutes/agendas and the attendance tracker have been left blank all year. I understand COVID is a problem, and that like 2 people would probably ever look at them anyway, but for the sake of general professionalism, transparency, and ease of reference, SGB should always be able to say that our proceedings are documented and publicly available, especially around elections. Even giving some updates on what each committee is doing and has done on the website will likely help dispel ungrounded rumors. Finally, I think a lot of these problems would be solved with simple outreach. I've seen Fix-It Pitts work, I've seen some important initiatives carried out, and I've seen the passion a vast majority of SGB members have for advocating for students and improving general welfare. I'm far from a marketing/promotion expert, but I think it's time a specific and defined effort is made to reach the population, perhaps even in the form of a task force. We need to hit all social media much harder, do direct, on-the-ground research in Oakland, even stand in front of the Union asking people what's bothering them -- whatever it takes to know what people's problems are. This form should be circulating around Reddit, The Pitt News, wherever, at this very moment. It shouldn't take a candidate having RA experience for us to be aware that some transgender students are being put in uncomfortable housing situations, or a personal experience for us to know that the counseling center is booked for weeks. Once we bridge the gap

between the people experiencing the real worst of the problems there are at Pitt and the people who honestly want to solve them, we might begin to improve our public relations and we will certainly carry out our mission to a much greater extent. Sorry to get off topic there at the end, it just seemed that a lot of the issues keep going back to the same problem. I appreciate the hard work of this task force and all of the committees involved in this process. Thank you for considering my opinion on the matter of elections and I'm excited to see what reform is able to come out of it.

My overall thought about this election is that there was not a proper response to what happened. While I was planning on voting for the vision slate, and I am upset they were disqualified by an opposing candidate, based on extremely vague rules, that is not what I see as the main issue. Not delaying the election felt completely unfair to both other candidates running. How am I supposed to decide who to vote for when I already had my mind made up when I woke up on Election Day. I am indifferent to the other two candidates, but the after effects of the decision to take vision off the slate were that everybody was mad at bright side and didn't want to vote for them. There was no time to learn about the outcome of the hearing and possibly realize that it was a well founded hearing. This 100% lost them votes simply due to the timing. The elections should have been delayed

Rules should be made transparent so candidates don't get thrown off the ballot hours before the election.

Last minute changes without a proper hearing is completely unfair. Election system is so simple to manipulate.

The Vision slate was entirely robbed of the chance to run. Other candidates in the past have done the exact same thing and not been punished. To kick them off at the 11th hour is categorically wrong, and to do it by conspiracy amount the board and the OTHER major candidate is entirely wrong. The process needs to be fixed and the board either removed or made more transparent and reduced in power. Eat shit Tyler!

If Vision slate was removed for a history of previous infractions, that should be made public knowledge and that information should be more easily accessible.

It was rigged

It would be great to have more easily accessible information about who exactly is on the elections committee and what happens during their hearings!