

J.B.2022-1

UPDATING THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

AUTHORED BY: 2021-2022 Judicial Chair Stephen Jacobus
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Committee

5 APRIL 2022

Judicial Chair Jacobus introduced the following resolution; which was read for the
first time.

13 SEPTEMBER 2022

Read the second time and voted on.

A BILL

TO AMEND THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

1 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Judicial Committee to
2 ensure that its bylaws accurately reflect the policies
3 and practices of the committee;
4 WHEREAS, there are inaccuracies in the Judicial Committee
5 bylaws;
6 WHEREAS, there are multiple grammatical and formatting errors
7 with the Judicial Committee bylaws; *now, therefore, be*
8 *it*
9 RESOLVED, on this 13th day of September in the year 2022, the
10 University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board
11 enacts the following revisions to the Student
12 Government Board Governing Code under the short
13 title “Updating the Judicial Committee Bylaws”; *and*
14 *be it further*

15 RESOLVED, that all uses of the term “Chairperson” in Title 4 of the
16 Governing Code be replaced by the term “Chair”; *and*
17 *be it further*

18 RESOLVED, that Item 4.2.1.1.E.2 shall now read: “2. If a voting
19 member is found supporting a campaign in any
20 fashion, the Judicial Chair will immediately dismiss
21 them from proceedings.

22 a. The voting member may additionally be subject to
23 removal from the Judicial Committee at the
24 discretion of the Judicial Chair.”; *and be it further*

25 RESOLVED, that Item 4.2.2.1.L.6 shall now read: “6. Shall inform
26 both parties of the majority vote and present the
27 prepared narrative of facts to the involved parties
28 within twenty-four hours of the decision of the
29 Committee.” ; *and be it further*

30 RESOLVED, that Item 4.2.2.2.C shall now read “C. Shall assist the
31 Chair in coordinating any activities, planning sessions,
32 or meetings that will be conducted within the
33 organization, with other organizations or the greater
34 Pittsburgh community.”; *and be it further*

35 RESOLVED, that Item 4.3.1.2.B shall now read “B. In the event
36 that an organization has an adjudicating body of its
37 own, a request for a hearing must go before that body.
38 An appeal of that body’s decision may then be
39 requested of the Judicial Committee.

40 1. In the case of an appeal, the Judicial Chair shall be
41 delivered the hearing request in addition to copies
42 of the decision by the organization’s adjudicating
43 body and the constitution of that organization.

44 2. In the case of an appeal the Judicial Committee
45 shall have 96 hours to determine if jurisdiction is
46 established.

47 3. If jurisdiction is established the Chair shall have 48
48 hours to determine the date, time, and location of a
49 hearing and notify the Complainant, Defendant,
50 and Vice President for Operations of their
51 decision.”; *and be it further*

52 RESOLVED, that Item 4.3.1.3.E.1 shall now read “1. If both parties
53 decide to make closing summaries, the defendant shall
54 make their summary first, followed by the closing
55 summary of the Complainant.”; *and be it further*

56 RESOLVED, that Item 4.3.1.5.B shall now read “B. Requests for
57 hearings in which student organizations, other than
58 the Student Government Board, are the complainant
59 may only be initiated by recognized members of that
60 organization accompanied by a petition signed by
61 twenty percent of the members of the organization.”

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

66 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective 13 September
67 2022 and shall reflect the changes shown in the
68 attached document.

69 ADOPTED: this 13th day of September 2022 by a vote of [#] for, [#]
70 against, and [#] abstentions.

Danielle Floyd

Danielle Floyd, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board