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UPDATING THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

AUTHORED BY: 2021-2022 Judicial Chair Stephen Jacobus
CO-AUTHORED BY: 2022-2023 Judicial Chair Leonie Finke, The 2021-2022 Judicial 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

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Judicial Committee to ensure that its bylaws accurately reflect the policies and practices of the committee;

WHEREAS, there are inaccuracies in the Judicial Committee bylaws;

WHEREAS, there are multiple grammatical and formatting errors with the Judicial Committee bylaws; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, on this 13th day of September in the year 2022, the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board enacts the following revisions to the Student Government Board Governing Code under the short title “Updating the Judicial Committee Bylaws”; and be it further
RESOLVED, that all uses of the term “Chairperson” in Title 4 of the Governing Code be replaced by the term “Chair”; and be it further

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. If jurisdiction is established the Chair shall have 48 hours to determine the date, time, and location of a hearing and notify the Complainant, Defendant, and Vice President for Operations of their decision.”; and be it further
RESOLVED, that Item 4.3.1.3.E.1 shall now read “1. If both parties decide to make closing summaries, the defendant shall make their summary first, followed by the closing summary of the Complainant.”; and be it further

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

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 13 September 2022 and shall reflect the changes shown in the attached document.

ADOPTED: this 13th day of September 2022 by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Danielle Floyd, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board