Student Government Board: The Students Against Sexual Misconduct (SASM) Ad-Hoc Committee

This Ad-Hoc Committee shall go into effect upon approval by the Board as official business and shall expire with the term of office of the current Board Members.

Mission:
The Students Against Sexual Misconduct ("SASM") Ad-Hoc Committee aims to address all forms of sexual misconduct including, but not limited to, sexual assault, sexual violence, and sexual harassment at the University of Pittsburgh, Oakland campus. The SASM Ad-Hoc Committee will, in collaboration with students, student leaders, and organizations across campus, serve as a central hub for knowledge, resources, and support in the prevention of all forms of sexual misconduct. SASM's goal is to unite advocacy efforts among students to avoid redundancy and improve organizing. It is the Committee's hope that streamlining the many ongoing efforts will foster long-lasting positive change on campus.

Membership:
1. The Ad-Hoc Committee shall be composed of the following constituents:
   a. The President of the Student Government Board shall be the Chair of the Committee and shall not vote unless there is a tie.
      i. The Chair shall reserve the right to create other leadership positions following a simple majority approval by the total membership of the Committee.
   b. The Chair shall appoint a Secretary of the Committee, who will see to the efficient functioning of the Committee with duties including, but not limited to, managing official internal committee communication, managing committee virtual spaces, taking minutes, and recording votes.
      i. The Secretary must already be a member of the Committee, as enumerated in this Charter, and shall retain all the privileges of a voting committee member.
      ii. While conducting official business in the absence of the Chair, the Secretary shall preside as the acting Chair and shall not vote unless there is a tie.
      iii. The Chair shall reserve the right to replace the Secretary or to otherwise amend the position or its responsibilities.
   c. A liaison appointed by the Wellness Committee Chair shall serve on the Committee.
d. Any Student Government Board member who is passionate about helping end sexual misconduct on our campus and has joined the Committee under Item 3.a.

e. Any undergraduate student who is not a Student Government Board member, who attends the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Campus, who is passionate about helping end sexual misconduct on our campus, and has joined the Committee under Items 3.b or 3.c.

f. Any other person who is not an undergraduate student, requested to be added by the University or otherwise seeking to join under special circumstances, upon a \( \frac{2}{3} \) approval by the existing cohort.

2. All members who are undergraduate students attending the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Campus, are voting members, except for the Chair or acting Chair, who shall only vote in the event of a tie.

   a. Any other members of the Committee shall not be a voting member of the Committee.

3. Undergraduate students meeting the requirements of Item 1.d or 1.e may become members through the following processes:

   a. Student Government Board members may petition for membership.

      i. Petition for membership shall be in the form of an email to sgb@pitt.edu with the following information:

         1. Name, pronouns, year, and position within the Student Government Board
         2. Purpose for joining
         3. Goals within the group

      ii. Individuals shall be accepted upon a \( \frac{2}{3} \) vote by the existing cohort.

   b. Undergraduate student leaders may be invited directly by the Ad-Hoc Committee.

      i. Individuals shall be invited upon a \( \frac{2}{3} \) vote by the existing cohort.

      ii. Upon approved invitation, the individual will be contacted by the Committee.

      iii. Should the individual decide to accept, they must notify sgb@pitt.edu with the following information:

         1. Name, pronouns, and year

   c. Any other interested undergraduate student may petition for membership.

      i. Petition for membership shall be in the form of an email to sgb@pitt.edu with the following information:

         1. Name, Pronouns, and Year
2. Purpose for joining
3. Goals within the group
   ii. Individuals shall be accepted upon a \( \frac{2}{3} \) vote by the existing cohort.
4. At least one member of this Ad-Hoc Committee shall sit on the University's Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force

**Objectives:**

*These Objectives are subject to change as more information is gathered and the needs of member organizations, as well as the resources and action items the University can feasibly offer, change.*

Throughout its existence, the Ad-hoc Committee shall:

1. Be a space built on the ideals of respect, community, and support.
2. Act as student representatives to the University on this issue, offering a direct and centralized voice for students when talking to administration on issues around sexual misconduct.
3. Establish officially agreed upon liaisons to other University organizations working to prevent sexual misconduct, including, but not limited to, University task forces and student organizations.
4. Allow for its formal goals to be amended to reflect the specific concerns of the current membership cohort.
   a. A new set of goals must be officially offered by a member of the Committee and shall be adopted by a \( \frac{2}{3} \) vote of the existing cohort.
   b. Amendments to goals shall be documented publicly.

Within two months of the adoption of this charter, the Ad-hoc Committee shall:

1. Set up a system of communication among organizations, student leaders, and students passionate about ending all forms of sexual misconduct, to facilitate the following goals of communication throughout the existence of this Committee:
   a. Connecting student leaders with one another and contributing to a virtual space to facilitate communication between both members of the Committee and outside students.
   b. Offering a central location for students looking to get involved to organize around these efforts.
   c. Facilitating a direct connection to SGB for student leaders working to end sexual misconduct.
d. Connecting students with marketing resources to help advertise their own efforts.

e. Connecting students with expert faculty on sexual misconduct.

2. Establish an officially agreed upon liaison between this Ad-Hoc Committee and the University’s Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force, whose function is to relay updates between the Task Force and this Ad-Hoc Committee.

3. Establish an official agreed upon set of community standards.

By a later date, specified after the formation of and formal vote by this Ad-Hoc Committee:

1. In coordination with the University’s Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force, communicate:
   a. To the University, students’ needs and concerns.
   b. To students, information on current policies, initiatives, resources, and other important items relevant to preventing sexual misconduct.

2. Publish a report documenting the following:
   a. Information on current student efforts to address this issue.
   b. Information on current University-led efforts to address this issue.
   c. Information on relevant community-based efforts to address this issue.
   d. An evaluation of current efforts, with emphasis on the University’s role and resources in these efforts, in their success and/or potential success to address the issue in equitable and humane ways.
   e. A list of action items to be submitted to the University and used as an outline for future work by the student body and the University.

Should this Ad-Hoc Committee be renewed in future years, it shall:

1. Identify continued or new areas of concern.
2. Track the University’s progress on the submitted action items.
3. Adjust information and action items as needed.

Expiration:
This charter shall expire April 29, 2023. Any potential further work set out by future iterations of this Ad-Hoc Committee will be fully transitioned to the incoming Board and President.