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UPDATING THE 2018-2019 ELECTIONS CODE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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4 DECEMBER 2018
Chairwoman McLaughlin introduced the following bill; which was read for the first time.

8 JANUARY 2019
Read the second time and voted on.

A BILL

UPDATING THE 2018-2019 ELECTIONS CODE

1 WHEREAS, based on the Student Government Board Constitution, the Elections
2 Chair proposes amendments to the Elections Code;

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4 WHEREAS, the election should be accessible to all interested in running and all
5 voting;

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7 Article 1, Section 2, Item 7 shall now read:

8“ “A. The duties and responsibilities of the Elections Committee are:

- 9 1. To review and update the Elections Code.
10 2. To address violations of the Elections Code.
11 3. To provide, receive, and determine the eligibility of a candidate
12 based on the SGB Petition and Application Packets received
13 from candidates for the positions of President and Board
14 Member.

- 15 a) Eligibility will be determined by a simple majority of total
- 16 membership of the committee. All packets are subject to
- 17 approval by the SGB Advisor.
- 18 4. To facilitate Student Government Board elections by:
- 19 a) Opening and closing polling places.
- 20 b) Maintaining accurate records of voting.
- 21 c) Overseeing workers hired to operate the polls.
- 22 d) Adjudicating cases involving infractions of the Elections
- 23 Code or Elections Committee policies in accordance with the
- 24 Elections Code.
- 25 e) Preparing and publishing all notices in connection with the
- 26 execution of the election.
- 27 f) Planning and coordinating the events leading up to the
- 28 election.
- 29 g) Booking tables in front of the William Pitt Union for all slates
- 30 and individual campaigns on Election Day from 8am to 8pm.
- 31 Candidates do not need to use them if they do not wish.
- 32 5. To promote the Student Government Board election during both
- 33 the Fall and Spring semesters by:
- 34 a) Reaching out to other Student Organizations
- 35 b) Hosting a minimum of one tabling event per semester on
- 36 campus with information about the election
- 37 c) Promoting the Election Day to all students on campus.
- 38 6. To arrange and moderate the presidential debate.
- 39 7. To arrange the inauguration of newly elected officeholders.”

40 With the addition of point 4G, requiring the Elections Committee to book tables for
 41 all slates and individual campaigns

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 43 Article 3, Section 1, Item 3: “\$100.00” shall be replaced with “50.00”. Lowering the
 44 price of the candidacy deposit \$50.00.

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 46 Article 3, Section 7: Item 4 shall be added, reading:

- 47 “Item 4. Attendance
- 48 A. At least one candidate from each individual campaign or slate
- 49 must attend Student Government Board Public Meeting
- 50 (Tuesday at 8:45pm in Nordy’s Place) each week during
- 51 campaigning.”

52 Requiring candidates to learn more about what being on board means and how
 53 public meetings are run.

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Article 3, Section 10: Item 5 shall be added, reading:

“Item 5. Exception to the Restriction on SGB Resources

A . The Elections Committee has the authority to spend their budget to support the financial burden of the election on candidates in any way they see fit.”

Allowing the Elections Committee to use their budget to help provide financial support to candidates who need it.

Article 3, Section 15, Item 7: “my.pitt.edu” shall be replaced with “elections.pitt.edu” Changing the required address posting to the direct voting portal link.

RESOLVED, on this 8th day of January in the year 2019, the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board enacts the following revisions to the Student Government Board Governing Code:

Maggie Kennedy, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board