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UPDATING THE 2019-2020 ELECTIONS CODE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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Chairman Bibby introduced the following bill; which was read for the first time.

A BILL

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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 Elections Code should clarify the endorsements that a candidate may
5 receive in an Election Cycle;

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7 WHEREAS, the posting campaign materials rule should be as clear as possible to
8 ensure fair elections;

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10 Article 3, Section 1, Item 13 Non-Registered Student Organizations shall be added
11 and read:

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13 A. Non-registered student organizations are groups, clubs, or organizations
14 made up of students at the University of Pittsburgh that are not formally
15 registered with the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC).

16 Defining student-run organizations that are not registered with SORC for the purposes
17 of this Elections code.

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19 Article 3, Section 2, Item 1 shall now read:

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21 A. To be qualified, a candidate must be a registered full-time undergraduate
22 student not solely enrolled in the College of General Studies (CGS) in good

23 standing at the Oakland Campus of the University of Pittsburgh and able to
24 fulfill all duties as defined in the SGB Constitution and Bylaws.

25 Amending the definition of a student to clarify who may or may not run for a position
26 for SGB President or Board.

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28 Article 3, Section 2, Item 5 shall now read:

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30 A. Each Presidential candidate must submit an SGB Candidate Petition Form
31 containing 250 valid signatures of undergraduate students not solely enrolled
32 in CGS registered at the Oakland Campus of the University of Pittsburgh.
33 Each Board candidate must submit an SGB Candidate Petition Form
34 containing 200 valid signatures of undergraduate students not solely enrolled
35 in CGS enrolled at the Oakland Campus of the University of Pittsburgh.

36 Amending the definition of a student to clarify who may or may not sign Candidate
37 Petition Forms for candidates for SGB.

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39 Article 3, Section 11, Item 7 Non-Registered Student Organizations shall be added
40 and read:

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- 42 A. Non-registered student organizations may not endorse candidates or slates
43 running for Student Government Board.
44 B. Should a non-registered student organization endorse a candidate or slate, it
45 is the candidate or slate's responsibility to have the non-registered student
46 organization remove the endorsement.
47 C. Candidates or slates shall have 24 hours to reach out to the endorsing
48 organization and request that they remove their endorsement.
49 D. The Elections Committee must be CCed on all correspondence between a
50 candidate or slate and a non-registered student organization regarding the
51 removal of an endorsement.

52 Defining what the endorsements clause for student organizations that are not registered
53 with the University.

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55 Article 3, Section 15, Item 5 shall now read:

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57 A. Posters placed in the classrooms must be tacked with thumb tacks or staples
58 on the cork strip at the top of blackboards or on the bulletin boards. They
59 shall not be placed on the ceilings, walls, doors, or podiums. Only one poster
60 may be placed in any permitted classroom.

- 61 B. Specifically, posters may not be:
62 a. Hung in the Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms.
63 b. Hung in such a manner that they obstruct any other posted campaign
64 material.
65 c. Posted on the outside of any University building or in any
66 unauthorized locations including but not limited to blackboards,
67 revolving doors, glass doors, and windows.
68 d. Posted inside the residence halls without the consent of the Elections
69 Chair.
- 70 C. Sidewalk chalk may only be used to campaign on areas that are susceptible
71 to being washed away by environmental factors. Candidates, staff, and
72 volunteers cannot chalk on walls, under covered areas (i.e. walkways), or
73 any of the paved areas leading up to the Cathedral of Learning. The
74 sidewalks bordering Bigelow Boulevard outside the Cathedral of Learning
75 are permitted to be chalked on during the targeted campaign period.
- 76 D. Candidates, Campaign Managers, and Campaign Staff are permitted to hang
77 their own flyers and other promotional materials on the University of
78 Pittsburgh's property during the targeted campaign period established in the
79 elections timetable. Volunteers are permitted to flyer and chalk only on the
80 day before and the day of the election.
- 81 E. Door hangers, or any campaign materials that can be hung from the handle
82 or knob of a door that promotes a candidate or slate are not permitted in
83 University buildings while campaigning.

84 With the modification of point C, clarifying the rules of campaign chalking, and the
85 addition of Point E, prohibiting candidates and campaign staff from hanging door
86 hangers in University buildings.

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88 Article 4, Section 1, Item 1 shall now read:

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90 A. All undergraduate students not solely enrolled in CGS at the Oakland
91 Campus of the University of Pittsburgh are eligible to vote in the Student
92 Government Board election. Voters may cast no more than one vote for
93 President and no more than three votes for Board. Votes cast for Board
94 Members are not restricted to those who belong to the same slate.

95 Amending the definition of a student to clarify who may or may not vote for a President
96 or Board Member Candidate in an election.

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98 Article 6, Section 1, Item 1 shall now read:
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100 A. A proposed public measure submitted by the Student Government Board to
101 the Student Government Board Elections Committee for a direct popular
102 vote by the non-solely-CGS Undergraduate Student Body. The referendum
103 may be set separate from the Student Government Board Election.
104 Amending the definition of the Undergraduate Student Body to clarify who may or may
105 not vote in a Referendum election.

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107 Article 6, Section 9, Item 1 shall now read:

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109 A. All undergraduate students not solely enrolled in CGS, registered at the
110 Oakland Campus of the University of Pittsburgh are eligible to vote in the
111 Student Government Board referendums.
112 Amending the definition of a student to clarify who may or may not vote in a
113 Referendum election.