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## Official Public Reprimand Regarding Violations of the Governing Code

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To Vice President Danielle Floyd,

This is an official reprimand letter, based on repeated violations of the Governing Code. Specifically, this includes violating viewpoint neutrality, violating allocations procedures, the code of ethics, and being a respectful member of the organization.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, you informed everyone at pre-meeting that you had a conflict of interest in voting on the Rainbow Alliance request based on your recent endorsement from the organization and let us all know that you would be abstaining from the request. This vote was on the recommendation from the Allocations Committee to deny a \$35,000 request from Rainbow Alliance for a speaker. Once it became clear at public meeting that the board was going to approve the request, you made a statement of agreement with approving the funding, ending debate on the request, and then you voted yes on the request, despite stating a conflict of interest earlier. This violates our viewpoint neutrality clause. I advised you to remain neutral of this vote after you informed us at pre-meeting of your conflict of interest to abide by the ethical standards of the Student Government Board. However, you proceeded to move forward without my advice resulting in violating the Governing Code and SGB practices.

This follows repeated violations to the Governing Code stated below:

- Item 1.5.0.2.A.3 of the SGB Governing Code: “conduct themselves in a manner that is becoming of their position, and follow all applicable laws, University policies, and the University of Pittsburgh Student Code of Conduct.”
- Item 1.5.0.2.A.4 of the SGB Governing Code: “respect the duties and responsibilities of the President as the highest-ranking official in all of Student Government Board responsible for the performance of all of its members.”
- Item 1.5.0.2.A.5 of the SGB Governing Code: “respect the duties and responsibilities of Board Members as the elected representatives and advocates of the student community.”

- Item 1.5.0.2.A.6 of the SGB Governing Code: “respect autonomy and authority of all Standing Committee Chairs and members, recognizing their relationship as functioning peers.”
- Item 1.5.0.2.A.8 of the SGB Governing Code: “be knowledgeable and objective in the allocation of the Student Activities Fee, excusing oneself whenever one currently holds or has held an official title within an organization requesting money or will benefit from that money in some capacity in the future.”
- Item 1.5.0.2.A.10 of the SGB Governing Code: “practice and promote the concept of mutual respect for all fellow members of Student Government Board.”
- Item 2.1.0.3.A.7 of the SGB Governing Code: “serve as the Board Member Liaison to the First Year Council.”
- Item 2.2.0.2.A.8 of the SGB Governing Code: “serve as the Chair of the First Year Council.”

Considering the numerous amounts of violations, I believe that an appropriate sanction would be to revoke your appointment as Vice President of Initiatives effective immediately, and to post this reprimand publicly. If you violate the Governing Code again, it will call for an immediate dismissal.

Signed,

Harshitha Ramanan, SGB President.