

ASMSU Judicial Council Ruling 2018- JC-001

Topic: Elections

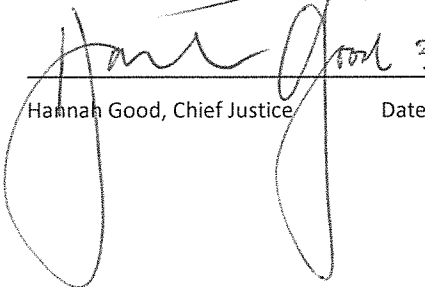
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Record Number: 2018-JC-001



Ruling Date: 26 March 2018



Hannah Good, Chief Justice

Date

Main Articles:

Election's Policy Article II Section 2-B

Elections Policy Residence Hall Campaigning

On March 26th, 2018, the Judicial Council unanimously found in favor of the Hodges Stutheit campaign cited in submission 2018-JC-001.

Majority Opinion: On a 5-0 vote, we, the Judicial Council for the Associated Students of Montana State University, find Justin Hodges in compliance the Campaigning Policy of the Residence Halls. Around 9:30 on the evening of Wednesday, March 21st Justin was in a residence hall to discuss the upcoming Republican Senatorial debate with his photographer in the photographer's dorm room. This individual may have stated that Justin was running in the election at some point during his floor meeting. However, a resident present at the floor meeting stated Justin did not give a speech, promote his campaign, nor did she receive materials from the campaign.

Policy Reference: Election's Policy Article II Section 2-B "Campaigns must follow all advertising policies established by the University and its entities."

Residence Halls Campaign Rules "There are certain times when door-to-door campaigning is permitted. These are during national, state or local elections, or ASMSU/RHA elections. Some specific guidelines:

1. Only candidates and their representatives may campaign door-to-door.
2. Candidates and their representatives wishing to campaign door to door in the residence halls must have written authorization from the Director of Residence Life.
3. Door-to-door campaigning may take place from noon to 7 p.m. and only on days specified.
4. All candidates and their representatives campaigning door to door must abide by the rules and regulations in that hall. Please be aware of and adhere to building escort policies.
5. Candidates wishing to use other methods of advertisement/solicitation should use the guidelines listed in the above sections."

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Sanction: No sanctions will be assessed against the Hodges Stutheit campaign. The Judicial Council issues a warning that campaign supporters must be cognizant of and follow election rules and policies moving forward.

Minutes for the meeting held 26 March 2018 can be found on the Judicial Page of the ASMSU Website.

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