

ASMSU Judicial Council Ruling 2018- JC-004

Topic: Elections

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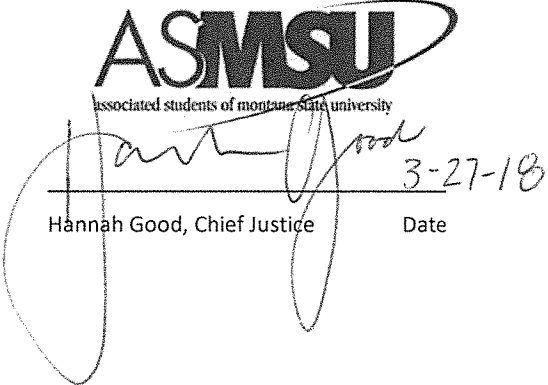
Record Number: 2018-JC-002

Ruling Date: 27 March 2018

Main Articles:

Election's Policy Article II Section 2-B

University Policies and Procedures Free Speech Policy – Attachment of Printed Materials



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associated students of montana state university
Hannah Good, Chief Justice
3-27-18
Date

On March 27th, 2018 the Judicial Council unanimously against the Blossom Thompson campaign cited in submission 2018-JC-004.

Majority Opinion: On a 5-0 vote, we, the Judicial Council for the Associated Students of Montana State University, found supporters of the Blossom Thompson campaign responsible for violating the University Policies and Procedures by affixing stickers on the campaign yard signs of the Johnson Heinrich campaign and on the wall of Wilson Hall. The Council recognizes that Blossom and Thompson did not direct anyone to do this and actively discouraged such behavior on their campaign Facebook page. However, the precedent set by 2018-JC-002 requires the Council hold the campaign accountable for overt misuse of their materials that could garner them an unfair advantage and harms the spirit of 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."

University Policies and Procedures Free Speech Policy
Printed materials, writing, or **other tangible means of expression may not be attached to University property, including sidewalks, trees, walls, or other property** (including on vehicles parked on campus)

Election's Policy Article II Section 1-A "Rules are meant to ensure fairness, keep order, and preserve the integrity of the election. In general, candidates should try to maintain the 'spirit of the campaign' which is defined as: an atmosphere of friendly competition with others and respect for the election process."

Sanction: The Blossom Thompson campaign is required to submit the rest of their stickers to the Chief Justice of the Judicial Council by Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9 AM. The Chief Justice will return the stickers on Monday, April 2nd, 2018 at 5 PM. After April 2nd at 5 PM the campaign is allowed to resume distribution of their stickers.

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Minutes for the meeting held 27 March 2018 can be found on the Judicial Page of the ASMSU Website.

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