

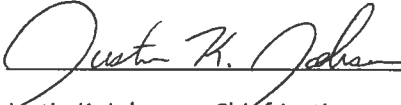
**ASMSU Judicial Council Ruling: 2017- JC- 006**

Topic: Elections

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Record Number: 2017 -JC- 006

Ruling Date: April 6, 2017


 Justin K. Johnson, Chief Justice      Date 4/12/17

Contested Articles:

- ASMSU By-law Reference- Article 6,  
Section 2- subsection C; Article 7, Section  
7 (and others)
- ASMSU Election Policy Reference- Article  
IV, Section 1, Sub-section A; Article IV,  
Section 1 Sub-section C (and others)



In the case of 2017- JC-006, the Judicial Council for the Associates Students of Montana State University, in a unanimous vote (3-0), rule in favor of dismissing any conflicts reported relating to endorsement videos produced for the Clifton/McFeely campaign for ASMSU President and Vice-President. Minutes for the meeting held on April 6, 2017 can be found on the Judicial Council webpage.

In the ASMSU bylaws updated April 3, 2017, Article 6- section 2, sub-section B classifies the ASMSU student programs for which Student Program Directors are hired. ASMSU funds are used to provide the stipend to Student Program Directors for their work in those. Therefore, be it established and declared that the Student Program Directors are ASMSU personnel, and are expected to follow all regulations as set for in ASMSU policy. It is permissible, because of legislation passed by the 2016-2017 ASMSU senate (2017-B-003), that the ASMSU Student Program Directors are eligible to endorse candidates in ASMSU elections.

In the endorsement videos taped by the ASMSU Public Relations Director and ASMSU Campus Entertainment Director, ASMSU name tags and polos were worn. Through discussions with Chelsey Wilson, Student Engagement and Leadership Advisor, it is understood that ASMSU funds are used to purchase those items, however, once those materials are given to an ASMSU Student Program Director, they are no longer property of ASMSU. Therefore, it is decided ASMSU materials were not used in the endorsement videos for the Clifton/McFeely campaign.

Considering the facts above, the Judicial Council finds no campaigning violations occurred as a result of the endorsement videos taped by the ASMSU Public Relations Director and ASMSU Campus Entertainment Director. No sanctions will be imposed against their campaign.

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