

Student Court – Meeting Minutes (04/15/15)

Members present: Stephany (Chief), Pam, Maggie, Rowan, Dennis, Mike Stearney

Meeting started at: 5:21pm

Continued discussion on formal complaint from yesterday (04/14/15)

Decided to ask Jacob Immel to answer brief questions involving the formal complaint

Motion by Dennis to answer “yes” to the following question: Does the court have enough information to render a decision based on the preliminary investigation, and if not, who else should we talk to and what do we need to find out?

Second: Pamela

Roll Call:

- Dennis: Yes
- Pam: Yes
- Maggie: Yes
- Rowan: Yes

Motion passed (4-0)

Further discussion of the tickets involvement/knowledge in the matter

Motion by Pam to acknowledge that the Court found reason to believe that the Stepp-Lones ticket knew and/or should have known about Austin Gokey’s campaigning on their behalf.

Second: Maggie

Roll Call:

- Dennis: Yes
- Pam: Yes
- Maggie: Yes
- Rowan: Yes

Motion passed (4-0)

Further discussion about the nature of the actions

Motion by Pam to vote that Austin Gokey used intimidation in an effort to coerce certain students to vote.

Second: Maggie

Roll Call:

- Dennis: Yes
- Pam: Yes
- Maggie: Yes
- Rowan: Yes

Motion passes (4-0)

Further discussion about the content of the email(s) related to the complaint

Further discussion about appropriate action from the Court in response to the ticket's involvement and/or knowledge in the matter.

Motion by Dennis to dock the Stepp-Lones ticket 5% of their total votes received as per the election rules.

Second: Maggie

Roll call:

- Dennis: Yes
- Pam: Yes
- Maggie: Yes
- Rowan: Yes
- Stephany: Yes

Motion passed (5-0)

Motion by Maggie to approve minutes from 04-14-15

Second: Dennis

Passed: (4-0)

Motion by Pam to approve campaign finance reports for all tickets

Second: Maggie

Passed: (4-0)

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Explanation of the Court's decision to dock 5% of total votes from the Stepp-Lones ticket

- Through the Court's investigation (including interviews), we concluded that certain individuals were given permission to campaign on the ticket's behalf, and therefore the ticket was responsible for informing the individuals of the election rules and was also responsible for the campaigning actions of those individuals.

- The Court subsequently found that individuals campaigning on behalf of the ticket were found to be in violation of section V, B, 8 of the election rules by attempting to coerce votes.
- As a result, per Section V, A, 1 of the election rules, the Court has found that the ticket has demonstrated “willful disregard” of the election rules. The Court has therefore decided to dock the Stepp-Lones ticket 5% of their total votes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm