

SENIOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ELIZABETH MAURICE

Florida A&M University  
Student Government Association  
Student Supreme Court

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The Florida A&M University (FAMU) Student Government Association (SGA) Student Supreme Court was called to order by Senior Associate Justice Elizabeth Maurice with quorum consisting of the following Associate Justices: Carlin Johnson, Alexis Richie, Allan Small III, Mia Williams; under the Revised Fall 2015 Student Body Statues, Article V 403.3. The following decision was rendered unanimously regarding the appeal of former Chief Justice Ronald Nelson:

Ronald Nelson is immediately retroactively reinstated as Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court

This decision was rendered on the grounds of there being no proviso language when it concerns the tenure of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. There is no reference to the tenure of Chief Justice to “serve until graduation” within the Student Body Constitution and Statutes; in addition to historical precedence set by former Chief Justice Tawn Tyba Takeli’s tenure of SGA Student Supreme Court as well as Associate Chief Justice Akacia McBride. As stated in the FAMU SGA Student Body governing documents, the Student Supreme Court bears the ultimate responsibility of interpretation of its student body documents and rendering decisions based on those interpretations.

Elizabeth Maurice  
Senior Justice of FAMU SGA Supreme Court