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Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Electoral Commission
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Electoral Commission:

According to Article V, Section 5 of the Student Body Constitution as Vice President of Student Affairs, I am responding to the Electoral Commissioner's appeal dated January 17, 2017, regarding the Student Body (SB) Senate Memorandum from Brandon Johnson dated January 17, 2017, (Senate's memo).

First and foremost, no contestments/appeals were filed within the prescribed time period against the Electoral Commission's January 11, 2017, electoral resolution, and any contestments/appeals are now time-barred.

As to the Senate's memo, the SB Senate has no authority to supersede the Electoral Commission's electoral resolution dated January 11, 2017, under the SB Constitution and Statutes. In addition, the SB Constitution through SB Statute 604 provides the Electoral Commission with the same rights as students, including the most fundamental of rights, due process. The SB documents do not authorize the SB Senate to deny the Electoral Commission's right to due process.

On the contrary, SB Statute 1301, clearly states:

Misuse of Student Government Office

No student government officer shall deny any student his/her rights guaranteed by the federal and state governments, or by the Student Body Constitution.

Inducing to Act

No student government officer shall knowingly aid, advise, encourage, or threaten another officer or student to act in violation of the governing documents or local, state, and federal laws.

Furthermore, the First District Court of Appeal ordered the lower court to dismiss the case because the lower court did not have jurisdiction over the SGA election matter. To be clear, the First DCA did not order an SGA election.

Because no contestments/appeals were timely filed pursuant to the SB statutes, the Electoral Commission's January 11, 2017, electoral resolution which determined that Justin Bruno is SGA President and Devin Harrison is SGA Vice President, is upheld.

Sincerely,

William Hudson, Jr.
Vice President