IN THE STUDENT JUDICIARY

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

No. 22-002

SARAH SHIELD, GARRETT BURNETT; STUDENT/S Complainant,

versus

MATTHEW CURL; CHIEF JUSTICE, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Defendant,

Appeal for Judicial Review

CASE DISMISSED

On March 21st, 2022 at 9:01 PM, students Garrett Burnett and Sarah Shield filed an appeal for Judicial Review regarding the completion of Chief Justice Curl’s office hours. They provide a timesheet for which Chief Justice Curl is not listed and therefore conclude that he has not completed any office hours and has shirked his responsibilities as Chief Justice.

These claims are demonstrably false. The lack of Chief Justice Curl’s entries into his timesheets has been an issue that has plagued the Student Judiciary from the implementation of the new office hour system. Numerous Justices have had similar issues entering their time into the database, as is to be expected from rolling out a new system to manage office hours.

The Complainant’s case has no merit and amounts to little more than an attempt at a malicious suit. Chief Justice Curl has ample evidence aside from timesheet entries to verify his office hours and need not spend the endless time required to do so here. Chief Justice Curl’s attendance of events, time spent at weekly panels, cooperative work within the SGA Office, and
eyewitness accounts from advisors to the Judicial Board as well as the Advisor to the Student Government Association. Chief Justice Curl’s office hour requirement has been filled and then some.

Pursuant to Chapter 401.4 of the University of Alabama’s Student Government Association’s Code of Laws:

“The Chief Justice may (emphasis added) appoint panels of inquiry to perform a judicial review of any legislation or executive order whose constitutionality has been formally questioned by way of written petition to the Student Judicial Board”

Further pursuant to Chapter 401.4.2.1 of the Code of Laws:

“A panel of inquiry must be created if the written petition is signed by a Senator, member of the Executive Council, or a member of the Student Judicial Board.”

The Complainant’s case, since it is not a review of any legislation or executive order, nor is it signed by any member of Senate, Executive Council, or Student Judicial Board, is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

Matthew Curl

Chief Justice, Student Government Association