

IN THE STUDENT JUDICIARY
FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

No. 23-003

BRODIE BROWN;
STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

JOHN RICHARDSON;
CANDIDATE, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ZACH JOHNSON;
STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA:

Appellant,

versus

ANSLEY STAMPER;
CHAIRPERSON, ELECTIONS BOARD; ELECTIONS BOARD et al;

Appellee,

Election Appeal for Judicial Review

AMENDMENT TO 23-003

Initially, the Court believed that the Elections Board had ruled in favor of the Appellant, dismissing the point violation as it pertained to Appeal 23-003 and the Opinion of the Court was written accordingly. However, due to the large influx of appeals pertaining to the 2023 Student Government Elections, information was miscategorized. After further communication, it was revealed that the Elections Board did not dismiss the violation that Appeal 23-003 called into question, and rather called for the Student Judiciary's dismissal of the case since it was appealed outside of the 24-hour window deemed appropriate. The original Opinion is attached for record-keeping purposes, but the Court will amend the orders in Appeal No. 23-003 to the following:

ORDERS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: Because of improper adherence by Appellant to the timelines set forth in the Elections Manual, this Court will dismiss Appeal 23-003.

It is so ordered,

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Caleb Thome
Chief Justice, Student Government Association

OPINION

CHIEF JUSTICE THOME delivered the Opinion of the Court, which was joined in full by the Panel of Justices present on the case.

I

Let it be known that the Judicial process regarding Elections Appeals differs slightly from those cases seen on a regular basis by the Court regarding other matters. In standard Judicial Appeals, the Court would hear a case between a Complainant and a Defendant. However, Elections Appeals differ slightly in that the Court serves as an appellate body to hear matters that have previously been adjudicated by the Elections Board.

II

In the Court's review of No. 23-003, the panel of Justices were informed that the Elections Board had reversed their original decision and decided to dismiss the violation points awarded to the Appellant.

Furthermore, the appealing party did not submit an Elections Appeal for Judicial Review until after the window of time for submissions had passed. According to Article XVIII, subsection G of the Elections Manual last updated in January of 2023:

“After notification of an Elections Board ruling, all parties will have twenty-four (24) hours from the delivery of the finding to appeal a ruling [before the Student Judicial Board].”

The Appellant(s) were notified of the decision reached by the Elections Board regarding Appeal No. 23-003 on Tuesday, February 28th at 10:55AM, CST. An appeal for Judicial Review

was submitted at 4:12PM, CST on Thursday, March 2nd, meaning that the appeal was not submitted to the Student Judiciary within the twenty-four (24) hour window outlined in the Elections Board Manual.

ORDERS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That notice of the Elections Board vacating its decision in this case, along with improper adherence by Appellant of the timelines as set forth in the Elections Manual, be sufficient cause for this Court to dismiss Appeal 23-003 and allow the Elections Board reversal of its original verdict to stand with no further decision rendered.

It is so ordered,

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Caleb Thome,

Chief Justice, Student Government Association