ASUCI JUDICIAL BOARD

"The Judicial Board has final judicial authority for ASUCI, which extends to all cases arising under the governing documents of ASUCI, all official actions of ASUCI officials and staff, and any matters delegated to the Judicial Board by the Senate or Student Advocate General."

Decision to Forgo Preliminary Hearing in *Ogbonnaya v. ASUCI Elections Commission*

Dated April 05, 2025

BOLEK, C.; MALANI, A.; FARNWORTH, J.; KARATAS, Z.; MARIN, R.; RINGDAHL, N.; VISWANATH, G.; approve of what is written.

On April 4, 2025, the Judicial Board received a Petition for Hearing from Victory Ogbonnaya (herein Petitioner), current ASUCI Student Advocate General and a candidate for Internal Vice President in the 2025 ASUCI General Election. Petitioner filed suit upon notice by the ASUCI Elections Commission of a Level 3 sanction placed on Petitioner's campaign for violation of Art. X § G and Art. X § H of the ASUCI Elections Code. The Level 3 sanction prohibits candidates from "releasing any new campaign-related promotional materials in any capacity, excluding speaking directly to pedestrians," and is scheduled to last from April 7th at 9:00 am to April 11th at 9:00 am. Art. XIV § C(3). Petitioner seeks the removal of the sanction placed on their campaign.

The primary purpose of a Preliminary Hearing is to "hear arguments, vital evidence, and testimony concerning its jurisdiction in the matter." ASUCI Judicial Board Policies and Procedures, Art. VI § B(1). The petitioner seeks the reversal of an administrative decision handed down by the Elections Commission under the powers provided to it in the Elections Code and the ASUCI Constitution, both of which expressly provide for review of such decisions to this Board upon appeal. Consequently, the Board determined, by a unanimous vote, that it indeed holds appropriate jurisdiction, rendering a Preliminary Hearing redundant. Thus, the Board finds it appropriate to move directly to a Formal Hearing in this case.

It is so ordered.