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 Pierce v. ASUCI Elections Commission

Dated April 25, 2025

MALANI, A.; FARNWORTH, J.; KARATAS, Z.; MARIN, R.; RINGDAHL, N.; VISWANATH, G.; approve of what is written.[1]

On April 25, 2025, the Judicial Board received a Petition for Hearing from Austin Pierce (herein Petitioner), a candidate for President in the 2025 ASUCI General Election. Petitioner filed suit upon notice by the ASUCI Elections Commission of a Level 5 sanction — campaign disqualification — placed on Petitioner's campaign. Candidate Pierce is alleged to have violated the Level 4 sanction placed on their campaign on April 14, 2025, which prohibits candidates from "conducting any campaign-related activities, including speaking directly to pedestrians," and was levied from Monday at 1:00 PM to

[1] BOLEK, C., having recused himself pursuant to Art. VIII of Judicial Board Policies and Procedures, took no part in the deliberation or decision of this case.

Friday at 5:00 PM of election week. ASUCI Elections Code Art. XIV § C(4). Petitioner seeks the reversal of their disqualification for the 2025 ASUCI General Election.

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.