

Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government Court  
Friday, April 17, 2009  
CS 02-09

I. Call to Order -

Student Government Court called to Order on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 2:38pm by Chief Justice, C. Michael Burdman, in SU213.

II. Roll Call -

In attendance were Associate Justices from:  
Broward Campuses, George Richardson; and  
MacArthur Campus, Lauren Charlton.

Missing was Associate Justice from Boca Raton Campus, Xavier Thompson.

Also in attendance was:

Rivka Felsher; Director of Student Government via phone; Heather Bashara; the MacArthur Campus Associate Director of Student Development and Activities

III. Briefing by Court

Chief Justice Burdman briefed the court that we would be hearing testimony from both Jordy Yarnell and Tara Boulos and witnesses regarding complaints submitted to the court previously.

IV. Opening Statements

2:40 – 2:42PM

Jordy Yarnell, while making opening statement and speaking of placement of signs and poster in certain locations; witness Lauren and witness Mike stated the whereabouts on campus in which it was alright and was not alright to post posters or fliers.

2:45 – 2:50PM

Tara Boulos

V. Run down of each of the violations

- §314.300a- Yarnell states that any number of stickers can be picked up from one place and placed in an unauthorized area; not the main staple of the case but wanted to bring forth all issues involved.

-§321.200 & §321.700 – Yornell states that there wasn't any idea stealing; Boulos brought evidence that was not submitted into evidence of a House meeting of the carpooling issue.

-§314.300n & §302.100.b – Yarnell states that there was no comment needed, it was self explanatory.

- Boulos states that issue was resolved immediately by Heather Bashara

- Witness Ketesia Timmush stated that she worked on Boulos campaign and that all signs that were given to the team were placed in appropriate places.

- CJ Burdman stated that Boulos and anyone on her team are responsible for placement of fliers in appropriate/inappropriate areas at all times.

- §314.300q – Boulos stated that she had fliers originally marked by Heather Bashara. Because she had fliers checked by Heather that she assumed that they were alright. Passed them to numerous students with the verbiage “Supported by student-body vice-president EDWARD FULTON”. When does office end?

o Sandra Olega made comments in regards to small campus and everyone knows each other by name and that Boulos should not be penalized for putting the saying on her fliers.

▪ CJ Burdman and Justice Richardson both made comments to the effect that each candidate are responsible to know the statutes of the 300's while running and the saying is grounds for disqualification.

- §314.300n- Boulos stated that she was unaware because she was unable to go in the general vicinity of the polling area.

VI. Closing Statements

3:20PM Jordy Yarnell

3:22PM Tara Boulos

VII. At 3:23PM Chief Justice Burdman called recess of Court for deliberation until 3:30PM.

VIII. At 3:32PM Chief Justice Burdman called to order Court to announce final judgment.

IX. AT 3:33PM Chief Justice Burdman announced the verdict as the following:  
The following election board decisions on statute violations were upheld:  
§314.300.a, §321.200, §321.700, §314.300.n, §302.100.b, §314.300.n

In regards to violation of Statute §314.300.q, we the court have decided to remand back to the election board with suggestion for disqualification.

X. Adjournment

Chief Justice, C. Michael Burdman adjourned the hearing at 3:23PM.