



## **Precedent of the Election Committee**

Allegation 1920-02

### **Relevant Constitutional Sections:**

*Article XV, Section 1(g)(4):* Individuals holding the following offices enumerated in this Constitution may not endorse any candidate or ticket: (L): Hall Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

*Article XV, Section 1(g)(6):* Candidates may not communicate an endorsement such that it can be construed to represent that of a Residence Hall, Student Union Organization, University department, office, or official.

### **Relevant Facts:**

The alleged party received an endorsement from a previous semester's Hall Vice President as part of their campaign. Further, the alleged party created a campaign video that featured a plush replica of a Residence Hall's mascot. The alleged party indicated that this was not meant to construe the support of a Residence Hall.

### **Holdings:**

1. An endorsement from a party who served as a Hall Vice President in a previous semester, had not continued their role in HPC meetings or otherwise, and was replaced by a Spring Vice President, does not violate Article 15.1(g)(4)(L).
  - a. Article 15.1(g)(4)(L) stipulates that "Hall Presidents and Vice Presidents" may "not endorse any candidate or ticket." In this case, the Election Committee determined that a previous Hall Vice President who is no longer connected to the duties and or responsibilities associated with their previous position in any manner does not qualify as an enumerated position under Article 15.1(g)(4)(L).
2. The appearance of a plush version of a residence hall's mascot in a campaign video does not violate Article 15.1(g)(6).
  - a. Article 15.1(g)(6) prohibits a candidate or ticket from communicating "an endorsement such that it can be construed to represent that of a

Residence Hall.” To the reasonable observer, the appearance of a plush replica of a residence hall’s mascot in a campaign video does not construe an endorsement from a Residence Hall.

As a result of the above holdings, there was insufficient evidence of a constitutional violation to proceed to a hearing.