



Precedent of the Election Committee

Allegation 2122-01

Relevant Constitutional Sections:

Article XV, Section 1(g). Endorsements.

(1) Endorsements shall include public, formal, or organized communication or appearances indicating support for a candidate/ticket.

(2) No student group may use funds of any type (allocated or unallocated) to support a candidate for a student office.

(3) No Student Union Organization; Judicial Council Officer; Member of the Election Committee; member of the Senate apart from Executive Cabinet Department Directors; or University department, office, or official may endorse a candidate/ticket for office, and no candidate/ticket shall seek or claim to have received any such endorsement.

Relevant Facts:

The alleging party filed an allegation against a ticket for receiving an endorsement from a residence hall and for receiving an endorsement from a Senator.

Holdings:

1. Residence halls are not prohibited from making endorsements.
 - a. Precedents 1920-01 and 2021-01 both held that residence halls may endorse, and the plain language of the relevant constitutional text supports this view, since residence halls are not included in the list of students and groups that are prohibited from endorsing.
2. Absent evidence that the alleged party was involved in a constitutional violation, such as an unconstitutional endorsement, the Election Committee has no jurisdiction to find constitutional violations by a third party, such as a Senator.



- a. This was the holding of Precedent 2021-05, and it is supported by the fact that the Constitution limits the Election Committee's jurisdiction to a "campaign/candidate/ticket" (Article XII, Section 4(c)(2)).