

## JUDICIAL COUNCIL of ASUCR

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## **Important ASUCR Elections Update**

According to the Elections Code, Item 9, Section A, Subsection 2, the ASUCR Executive Director, ASUCR Elections Director, and four Justices must verify the elections results. According to Constitution, Article VI, Section D, 2, h, the Judicial Council "shall...maintain the highest interest of the students..." The Judicial Council holds strong to the responsibilities it has to ensure that elections are held in accordance to the Elections Code and that the voice of the students is represented through the elections. After thorough investigation and deliberation we have found that there are serious issues as to whether or not these results constitute the actual voice of the student body.

After analyzing the circumstances pertaining to the recent ASUCR Elections, the Judicial Council cannot verify the elections results. The Judicial Council hereby issues the following conditions in regards to new elections, since it will take new elections under these conditions for the Judicial Council to verify the results:

- 1. No new candidates/parties,
- 2. Automatic re-registration of candidates,
- 3. Mandatory officially sponsored polling stations for voting as the only way to vote,
- 4. And campaigning to be allowed to start again.

All other Elections Code provisions will apply, as long as they do not conflict with these guidelines.

The following are the reasons why the Judicial Council cannot verify the elections results:

Although made legal for 2016 ASUCR Elections, laptopping lead to inappropriate usage, coercion and violation of privacy rights. The Judicial Council believes that the act of laptopping created an unfair environment where candidates and parties were able to perform the listed misconducts in a way that would be damaging towards ASUCR Elections and the legitimacy of ASUCR in general.

| Thereby it is with the aforementioned conditions, in addition to the Elections Code, that the Judicial Council will be able to verify a fair election. |
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