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Schemmer v. ASUCR Elections Director and 18 [YOUR]Side Candidates Decision

The ASUCR Judicial Council has reviewed the case submitted by Julia Schemmer against ASUCR Elections Director Melina Reyes and 18 [YOUR]Side and, in a 6-0-0 decision, has decided to drop the case.

In this case, the plaintiff claims that the 18 [YOUR]Side candidates violated an rule because "within the Candidacy Application, the instructions specifically limit bios to 150 words or less. If it goes over the 150 words, the application says it won't be used," and that a number of the candidates exceeded this word limit. The plaintiff also claims that the Election Director should be held accountable for not enforcing this rule.

However, the Judicial Council has reason to believe that the rule that the plaintiff claims was violated is not applicable for the current election. The rule the plaintiff cites was a rule during the 2014-2015 election year and the former Election Director enforced that rule for that year, but there is not record that the current Elections Director or Election Committee claimed that such a rule would be in effect for 2015-2016 election year. The Judicial Council cannot make a decision based off of a rule that does not exist.