Subject: Student Government Grievances

Date: November 25, 2014

Katharine Orr requested a legal opinion on November 25th, 2014. Katharine Orr asked what alternative routes exist for an objective review of a grievance when the party-in-question is the Judiciary and Ethics Committee?

Statute 304.5.2.3 states the following: (The Solicitor General) Serve as legal counsel at the request of the students in all matters that may come before the Student Supreme Court which may include:
- 304.5.2.3.1 Parking Appeals
- 304.5.2.3.2 ERC Candidate Appeals
- 304.5.2.3.3 Grievances against Student Government members
- 304.5.2.3.4 Impeachment Proceedings
- 304.5.2.3.5 Appeals of Student Government Laws, Actions, or Decisions

Furthermore,

Grievance Form Instruction number 9 states the following (Chapter 210 of Statutes): All grievances shall be sent to the Committee on Judiciary and Ethics to evaluate whether the matter requires investigation and recommend the best course of action.

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Grievance Form Instruction number 10 states the following (Chapter 210 of Statutes): If you do not like the outcome of the grievance, you may request a trial with the Supreme Court. You can appeal the decision of the Court to the Dean of Students.

Therefore, it is the opinion of the Attorney General that all grievances reviewed by the Judiciary and Ethics may be appealed to the Student Government Supreme Court via trial. The student appealing may also request the assistance of the Solicitor General. The trial shall then be handled in accordance with the Supreme Courts Rules of Procedure.

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