

Title: Review of Elections Chair's Decision on March 28th 2019

Date of Hearing: April 10th 2019

Members Present: Acting Chair (Summer Davis), Timekeeper (Declan Sullivan), Austin Katz

Outcome: The Judicial Board has voted 3-0 to reverse the interpretation of the Elections Committee Chair's Decision regarding the interpretation of "cumulative GPA". We found that the interpretation of cumulative GPA as only UCSD academic history is misleading and non-inclusive of transfer students and their circumstances. We find that cumulative GPA refers to a student's entire collegiate history that applies to UCSD classes; therefore, a cumulative GPA would include grades in UCSD classes and grades in other classes taken at another University or College that transfers directly to a UCSD class. Classes that do not transfer over won't positively or negatively impact a student's cumulative GPA. Only classes that directly transfer over will count for the cumulative GPA. We believe this interpretation to be the correct one and recommend that the A.S. Elections Committee accommodate any candidates in future elections by including them if they meet the requirements established here. We recommend that this policy be applied to this election season so as to not discriminate or disenfranchise previously declared candidates who did possess the cumulative GPA requirements set forth here but were improperly excluded.

Reasoning: The Board voted to reverse the decision of the Elections Committee Chair because we feel that the interpretation of "cumulative GPA" was improperly applied. We believe that the correct interpretation of cumulative GPA is the GPA one acquires over their entire collegiate career, excluding classes that do not transfer over. We recognize the growing transfer presence on campus and want to make sure A.S. and the University understands and accommodates their situations. In the spirit of fairness and equal opportunity we hope this ruling allows transfers and other students with previously demonstrated academic success, both in the present and in the future, to have the ability to serve in A.S.

Signatures:

Three handwritten signatures in black ink are stacked vertically. The top signature is a stylized, cursive 'S' followed by a flourish. The middle signature is more legible, appearing to read 'Austin Katz' in a cursive script. The bottom signature is a long, sweeping cursive flourish.