**IN THE FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY SUPREME COURT**

IGNITE PARTY, Appellant

v.

VITALITY PARTY, Appellee

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SUMMARY

The Court examined this case on appeal. The Appellant, Ignite Party, has asked this court to find that the Elections Commission erred in finding that Vitality Party did not violate 701.1E of the Student Body Statutes   We hold that the Elections Commission ruled correctly in this instance and **AFFIRM** their decision.

BACKGROUND

The facts are as follows:

A Vitality Party candidate, Jean Tabares posted a status on his personal Facebook on February 18, 2015, stating "Join me above the city, as I host Recess tomorrow night. Message me for guest list. Guaranteed to be a night you won't forget."

STANDARD OF REVIEW

As the Court is being asked to review a question of Law in this case the standard of review used will be de novo.

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OPINION

J. Hebb delivers the opinion of the Court joined by CJ. Rozanski, J. Schmidt, and J. Gibbs.

This case involves an allegation that a Vitality candidate traded a good or service for votes. We find that the facts do not support this. By merely offering anyone who messaged him a free entry to an event a candidate is not trading a service or good for a vote. He is merely hosting a campaign event that is open to all absent any facts stating otherwise. In this case there are no facts offered that only students voting for the candidate were allowed admission, or that there was any implicit or explicit contract that the students on the guest list would vote for the candidate. As such this Court **AFFIRMS** the decision of the Elections Commission and does not find that a violation occurred.

It is the opinion of this court however, that this was an act of campaigning and all rules in regards to campaign finance and reporting final campaign expenditures are in affect with regards to this event.

CONCLUSION

This Court finds that the Vitality Party did not violate 701.1E and thus AFFIRMS the decision of the Elections Commission.