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Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rawan Abhari, General Counsel for **SURGE FSU**

FROM: Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

CC: Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

SUBJECT: Appeal decision for:
Surge v. Turkomer, 23-SP-SC-06 (2023)
Surge v. Turkomer, 23-SP-SC-07 (2023)
Surge v. Turkomer, 23-SP-SC-08 (2023)

I am responding your appeal request submitted to Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs, on March 30, 2023. Dr. Hecht delegated me as the appellate reviewer on April 7, 2023 to respond to your request. I have taken the opportunity to review the documents you submitted, which included the following SGA Supreme Court opinions: ***Surge v. Turkomer, 23-SP-SC-06 (2023)***, ***Surge v. Turkomer, 23-SP-SC-07 (2023)***, and ***Surge v. Turkomer, 23-SP-SC-08 (2023)***. At your request, I also took note specifically of the “cultural and precedence” arguments as I reviewed the opinions.

After a careful review, I do not find that the reading of the university’s posting policy map is a stretch to apply to the specific situations presented in these opinions. While I appreciate the cultural and precedence argument, I find it reasonable to consider the “cutouts” as freestanding signs and that the map and posting policy is clear and unambiguous regarding where signs can be placed. I do not believe that the Supreme Court erred in their decision to affirm the decision of the Elections Commission. Therefore, I am **affirming** the decision of the Supreme Court in the cases of **23-SP-SC-06 (2023)**, **23-SP-SC-07 (2023)**, and **23-SP-SC-08 (2023)**.

Brandon Bowden

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