

ADVISORY OPINION 2017-2

SGA Presidential Candidacy No Vice Presidential Candidate

J. Donnelly for the Court

This Court has jurisdiction over issues of the Student Body Constitution pursuant to the Student Body Constitution Article IV Section 3C(2)(5).

This Court was asked for an advisory opinion to determine the constitutionality of an SGA Presidential Candidate, who lacks a Vice Presidential Candidate running-mate.

Article III Section 2 details the election of the Executive Branch. Specifically, Article III Section 2(B) states, "The Vice President shall be the President's running mate." Based on this language, the Court advises that the Presidential Candidate not be placed on the ballot because the Candidate lacks the necessary qualifications for an SGA Presidential Candidate.

Reasoning:

The Student Body Constitution is clear on the election of the President and Vice President. The election of the Vice President is contingent upon the election of a President. To allow for a Presidential Candidate to be placed on the ballot without a Vice President would create a vacancy in the Vice President's Office. Such vacancy would endanger the continuity of the future administration.