



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

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TO: Mr. Ian Waldick  
Student Body Attorney General

FROM: Mary B. Coburn *MBC*  
Vice President for Student Affairs

RE: Appeal in the Student Supreme Court Decision of RAVELO V. WILSON

An appeal has come to me regarding the Student Supreme Court ruling on the petition of Justin Ravelo. Mr. Ravelo alleged that Student Body Statute § 304(3)(C) was violated when he was not interviewed for a student government position for which he asserted that he had properly filed an application. The FSU Student Supreme Court concurred and unanimously held that §304(3)(C) was violated. Furthermore, the Court asserted that the positions that were filled through a statutorily impermissible process should be vacated and the seats should be filled in the proper manner.

After reviewing pertinent documents, I agree that Mr. Ravelo must be interviewed for the vacant Senate seat for which he has applied, in accordance with Student Government statutes and procedures. Since Arts and Sciences Senate seat 6 is available, I do not find it necessary to require the two students who were interviewed and subsequently appointed to the other Arts and Sciences seats to vacate their seats. That remedy would unduly punish them for actions that were not their doing.

This decision constitutes final agency action. Thank you.

CC: Justin Ravelo  
Stefano Cavallaro, Student Body President  
Roger Rozanski, Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court  
Danielle Morgan Acosta, Interim Director of Student Affairs