

Stillion v. Stalnaker

On Tuesday March 3rd, 2026, the Judicial Branch ruled that Jeremiah Stalnaker violated section (10)(i) of the Election Rules stating that “a candidate must have the expressed written consent of an organization prior to using that organization’s member contact information or email list.” Based on the number of emails on the correspondence submitted and their alignment with the number of emails in the USG Member Contact List, we believe that this was the list used to obtain these emails. Additionally, no DLT members were contacted via this email, which corresponds to the lack of DLT’s personal emails on the contact list.

The Judicial Branch also determined that there was no contact with President Shaw or Elections Chair Stillion regarding the use of this list. Therefore, we have found the use of this contact list to be a violation of the Election Rules because all candidates must receive “the expressed written consent of an organization prior to using that organization’s member contact information or email list,” and “the candidate or applicant must notify and provide proof of consent to The Chair prior to their usage of organization member contact information or email list.” (Section (10) (i)).

We also found that there appears to be a violation of (9)(b)(i) of the Election Rules which states that "Candidates... may not use USG resources to conduct or facilitate campaign activities." The USG Member Contact List counts as a USG resource, so the use of this to campaign would violate the Election Rules. The use of this list provides an unfair advantage over the general student body who cannot access this and other USG resources. Although this was not in the original Dispute Resolution Form and therefore will not impact our decision, we feel that it is very important to touch on since this could impact the election if we do not.

Additionally, we would like to note that the Election Rules may not have been very clear. The language specifically used contains only the word “candidate,” not “applicant.” However, we have determined that this lack of clarity does not affect our decision, as there was no communication to us that this was the reason behind the rule being broken, and the intention of this rule is to apply to both candidates and applicants in the Election Cycle.

Based on the information and the rule broken, we found this to moderately jeopardize the integrity of the election. The use of this contact list without permission provides an unfair advantage during the petitioning period, which should not be taken lightly. Therefore, we ruled this to be a Level Two Violation of the Election Rules. Also, as the defendant is not a candidate in the current election cycle, the Judicial Branch recommends that Stalnaker does a review of the rules, enacted by the Executive Justice.

Respectfully,
Executive Justice Reimer
Associate Justice Adams
Associate Justice Geib
Associate Justice Groen
Associate Justice Papatonis

*This opinion was written following the Judicial Branch meeting on 3/3/2026 and was written by Executive Justice Reimer. This opinion was reviewed and approved by the signees prior to being sent out.