The Majority voted in opposition of finding Senator Breon and Director of Membership Development Leipold in violation of the grievance filed by Senate Chair Feezel.

This alleged that the Defendants utilized an expressly copyrighted image, owned and officially used by The University of Akron, which would violate the Election Rules (10)(c).

The image in question does not reflect a copyrighted symbol or material owned by The University of Akron. As provided by Associate General Counsel Scott Campbell, The University of Akron does not own the image provided. Therefore, it cannot be in violation of the Election Rules as The University of Akron does not have ownership of it. Also, the Election Rules only specifies copyrighted symbols, not photos or other materials.

Since this is an Elections Grievance, we cannot provide any rationale on if this photo is used in accordance with the USG Constitution (C)(12). The Judicial Branch does not have any information regarding the requests to use the photo for the Instagram post. We also have no confirmed additional information regarding the copyright or ownership of the photo, alleged to be taken from The College Tour.

We recommend that all photos and videos used in campaigning is ensured to be properly obtained and used to avoid any further potential grievances.

Respectfully,

Executive Justice Bushen

Associate Justice Groen

Associate Justice Papatonis

Associate Justice Reimer

*This opinion was written following the Judicial Branch meeting on 3/10/2025 and was written by Executive Justice Bushen. This opinion was reviewed and approved by the signees prior to being sent out.