The Majority voted in opposition of holding Senator Breon and Director of Membership Development Leipold in violation of the Undergraduate Student Governments (USG) Election Rules, regarding the first alleged violation filed. This alleged that their logo for their platform, #WeHearUA, looks very similar to the old logo of The University of Akron, with the side profile of the kangaroo. This first alleged violation would go against USG Election Rules section (10)(c), which states the following:

> c. The use of the USG graphic may be used with the prior permission of the The Chair to ensure that the graphic is used in good taste. The use of The University of Akron copyrighted symbols (e.g., Zippy, The University of Akron seal, etc.) on campaign material is strictly forbidden.

Our decision to vote in opposition of this alleged violation was primarily influenced by our opinion that the logo does not resemble The University of Akron copyrighted symbols. This decision was also supported by email communication provided, in which Associate General Counsel Scott Campbell approved that the current logo of #WeHearUA is acceptable to be used in their campaign materials.

While the Majority did not find the defending party in violation of the Election Rules, we do highly suggest that all campaign material that could be interpreted to be in violation of the Election Rules be approved by the Election Chair before usage to avoid any possible grievances or delays in campaigning.

We also suggest that the Election Rules be modified in the future to clarify the appropriate usage for symbols that are not copyrighted. This way, there is no uncertainty on what is allowed to be used during campaigning.

The Majority voted in favor of holding Senator Breon and Director of Membership Development Leipold in violation regarding the second alleged violation of the Undergraduate Student Governments (USG) Election Rules. This alleged that their first post on @wehearua did not have the disclaimer noted in the USG Election Rules.

Our decision was influenced by the screenshots provided by the complainant as well as the admission by the defending party that the disclaimer was omitted.

The Majority recommends to the Election Chair Sanction Level One. We recommend the removal of the original post, which has already been completed. We additionally recommend that there is a review of the Election Rules, as is included in the Sanction Level One, to avoid any miscommunication in the future. We understand that all sanctions are at the discretion of the Elections Chair.

Respectfully,

Executive Justice Bushen

Associate Justice Groen

Associate Justice Papatonis

Associate Justice Reimer

*This Opinion was written following the hearing and was written by Executive Justice Bushen. This opinion was reviewed and approved by the signees prior to being sent out.