



# JUDICIAL BOARD

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Daily Bruin, USA Election Board, et al., Devin Murphy, and the Press  
FROM: Matt Satyadi, Chief Justice  
DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2014  
RE: Decision: *The Daily Bruin v. USA Election Board, et al.*

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On Monday, May 19, 2014, the JUDICIAL BOARD held a COURT OF HEARING for Case No. 14-4, *The Daily Bruin v. USA Election Board, et al.*

The JUDICIAL BOARD was asked to issue judgment on two questions:

1. Does the Election Code grant the Election Board the authority over non-paid media appearances of USAC election candidates, or over non-paid media coverage with regards to USAC election candidates?
2. Is the Election Board's threat of sanctions on USAC presidential candidates for appearing in the Daily Bruin segment, Long Story Short, within the jurisdiction of the Election Board?

With regard to the first question, the JUDICIAL BOARD finds with the PETITIONER, The Daily Bruin, with a vote of 4-0-2 in their favor.

With regard to the second question, the JUDICIAL BOARD finds with the RESPONDENT, USA Election Board, et al., with a vote of 4-0-2 in their favor.

The JUDICIAL BOARD has ruled that the USA Election Board does not have authority or jurisdiction over non-paid media appearances or coverage of USAC election candidates. However, the Election Board retains their jurisdictional obligation and right to inform election candidates of possible sanctions to which they are subject, though the JUDICIAL BOARD recognizes that the Election Board was not clear in communicating with the election candidates about the circumstances of the sanctions.

In accordance with the Official Rules of the Judicial Board, the full opinion will be made available within two weeks.

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The Official Rules of the Judicial Board can be found on the USAC website at:  
<https://www.usac.ucla.edu/jboard/docs/jboardrulesv2.pdf>