Minutes for Hearing 4/11/2018

Called to order at 5:00 PM.

Hannah Good (HG), Sam Hatfield (SH), Casey Wolfe (CW), Mac Gwinner (MG) present

HG: We’re here to discuss the complaint 2018-JC-05 filed on Tuesday, April 11th against Senate candidate Thomas McGrath. He’s alleged to have campaigned in an official voting location which is considered a severe violation of the Election’s Policies and Procedures. We’ll now open it up for public comment.

Public Comment

Surnip Rahal: Thomas is a man of dignity and has a lot of self-respect. He is one of the most honest people I’ve come across in the last 3 years. I’ve worked with Thomas in a lot of activities around campus and he is a great leader who would bring talent to ASMSU.

HG: Thomas I’d like to open the floor to you and give you the opportunity to explain your perspective of the situation yesterday.

Thomas: So the rules are very clear and I re-read them yesterday. However, I had forgotten that Montana Hall was off limits for campaigning since I hadn’t read the rules in awhile. Marianne helped me get the outdoor program request pushed through and did not say the location was a problem. I thought Margaret saw me with my table and she would have said something if I was doing something wrong. I was only in that area for one hour with one passing period and then as soon as I was made aware of the violation I moved the table to the appropriate 200 ft. I have not campaigned today and deactivated my senate Facebook account on my own as a show of good faith that this was an honest mistake.

HG: Please enter into the record that I received a copy of the program request from the Office of Student Engagement that allows them to have a table in that space. Does anyone else have any questions? Seeing none I will entertain a motion to enter executive session.

MG: I move for executive session.

SH: Second.

HG: It’s been moved and seconded. Seeing no discussion on the motion we will vote by acclimation. Aye.

SH: Aye.

CW: Aye.

MG: Aye.

Executive Session entered at 5:22 PM.
Justice Cati Carmody (CC) arrived from a class excused absence and was recognized by the council at 5:36 PM.

Reconvened to public at 6:00 PM.

SH: I move the question to disqualify Thomas McGrath from the 2018 senate election for a Tier III: Severe election’s violation.

MG: Second.

HG: It’s been moved and seconded. Seeing no discussion on the motion we will move to a vote. No.

SH: Yes.

CW: Yes.

MG: Yes.

CC: I feel like he should have known. Yes.

HG: On a vote of 4-1 we’ve elected to disqualify Thomas McGrath from the 2018 elections. The majority ruling for 2018-JC-05 will be published tomorrow morning. Seeing no further business, I’ll entertain a motion to adjourn.

SH: I move to adjourn.

MG: Second.

HG: It’s been moved and seconded. Seeing no discussion on the motion we will move to a vote. Aye.

SH: Aye.

CW: Aye.

MG: Aye.

CC: Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.