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In light of recent events during the Grand Marshal Week 2014 Election and based on Decision 5 and Decision 6, Rules and Elections Committee, the Rensselaer Union Judicial Board held a formal hearing on Sunday, April 13, 2014, 6:30 PM. Based on the evidence and testimony of those involved in the incidents referred to the Union Judicial Board for a hearing, the Union Judicial Board finds the following:

The issue before the board is to determine if the unauthorized removal of posters expressing opposition to the Union Constitutional Amendments by Matthew Kosman, Russell Brown, Gretchen Sileo, Chuck Carletta, and Frank Abissi affected the outcome of the referendum. If so, should sanctions be imposed on the individuals seen on video removing the signs and/or posters prior to the vote on the referendum?

- 1) The Judicial Board finds that these actions had an impact on the Grand Marshal Week 2014 Election.

Vote: 5-0

- 2) The Judicial Board finds that these actions were a violation of Section 11, Subsection 1, Point 6, of the Grand Marshal Week 2014 Elections Handbook or the Honor Code as outlined in the GM Week 2014 Candidate Assistant Form.

Vote: 5-0

- 3) The Judicial Board finds that the following candidates are disqualified from holding any elected in the GM Week 2014 Election:

Russell Brown
Gretchen Sileo
Chuck Carletta
Frank Abissi

Vote: 5-0

- 4) The Judicial Board finds that Matthew Kosman may not hold an appointed office within Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Student Government for the 2014-2015 election cycle.

Vote: 5-0

- 5) The Judicial Board finds that Matthew Kosman, Russell Brown, Gretchen Sileo, Chuck Carletta, and Frank Abissi must each complete fifteen (15) hours of community service by May 31, 2014 as specified by the Dean of Students office.

Vote: 4-1

- 6) The Judicial Board declares that Erin Amarillo is the President of the Union for the 2014-2015 election cycle.

Vote: 4-1

- 7) The Judicial Board declares that election results for Alumni President may be released at the discretion of the Rules and Elections Committee.

Vote: 5-0

- 8) The Judicial Board declares that the results of the GM Week 2014 election for Alumni Vice President, Alumni Secretary, and Alumni Treasurer are null and void. A new election is to be held for the positions of Alumni Vice President, Alumni Secretary, and Alumni Treasurer whose ballot may only include those on the primary ballot with the exception of candidates previously disqualified in this document.

Vote: 4-1

- 9) The Judicial Board declares that the results of the GM Week 2014 election on the Union Constitution Amendments are null and void. These amendments may not be included in the previously mentioned publicly announced election results.

Vote: 5-0

- 10) The Judicial Board recommends that the Rules and Elections Committee clarify future GM Week Elections Handbooks to include language more applicable to circumstances such as, but not limited to, those mentioned in this declaration.

Vote: 5-0

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