

# **THE STUDENT BODY SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

## **Voice v. IUSA Election Commission**

Docket Number: SBSC-18-02 (2018)

Before SOLOMON, Chief Justice, and KAIL, HAXEL, HAYMOND, YOON, GOWDA,  
HARRINGTON, LAHEY, BROWNE, and NEED, Associate Justices.

### **Preliminary Decision 18-02**

Chief Justice SOLOMON and Associate Justices NEED, LAHEY, HAXEL, HARRINGTON, YOON, GOWDA, HAYMOND, KAIL, and BROWNE delivered the preliminary decision of the Court.

The Court has determined that the election cycle ends at the conclusion of the IUSA student body election, consistent with Appendix A, Section 108 of the IUSA Bylaws, which states that “each of the following events must occur in each election cycle,” concluding with the IUSA Election. Moreover, given the lack of definition of “election cycle” in the Procedural Election Code, we further rest our determination on well-established legal definitions; Appendix I of the 2018 United States Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide defines election cycle as “the period beginning the day after the previous general election (for federal office) and ending on the day of the next general election for that office.” Likewise, the United States Code defines “the term ‘election cycle’ as the period beginning on the day after the date of the most recent election for the specific office or seat that a candidate is seeking and ending on the date of the next election for that office or seat.” We find that the actionable responsibilities of a ticket aren’t confined to one election cycle itself. The Friday after the IUSA election is a deadline to complete a certain action item, turning in a final financial statement, from the previous election cycle.

Given this definition, while Ms. Davis’s ticket was disqualified during the 2017-2018 election cycle, the Court recognizes that this election cycle has ended, and the 2018-2019 election cycle has begun. Therefore, Ms. Davis is eligible to be an appointee of the vacant seat. However, she will not be a member of the executive slate unless she is confirmed by IUSA Congress, as stated in Article III, Section 6 of the IUSA Constitution.

The Student Body Supreme Court of Indiana University hereby does NOT find that the Election Commission acted with interpretation inconsistent with the code, bylaws, or constitution in accepting Davis’s appointment.

*It is so ordered.*

*Chief Justice Solomon and Justices Need, Haxel, Haymond, Gowda, Browne, Harrington, Yoon, Kail, and Lahey join in this decision.*