

Opinion of the Court
**THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE**

Case No. 2017-10

SEAN FISHKIND, PLAINTIFF v. MCKINSEY PATTERSON, DEFENDANT

Decided on 12 April 2017

I

This case arises out of the grievance submitted by the plaintiff, Sean Fishkind regarding the alleged neutrality violation of the Defendant, Election Commission Member, and Vice President Patterson. The Plaintiff argues that neutrality was breached when the Student Nurses Association (SNA), an organization in which the Defendant is the President of, sent an email containing information about the Morgan-Mickey-Hunter campaign to members of the SNA.

II

The court finds that the Defense provided ample evidence to prove that VP Patterson had no prior knowledge of the email being sent, does not have control over the SNA email account, nor was she ever specifically contacted by the Morgan-Mickey-Hunter campaign with a request to provide campaign information to the Student Nurses Association. The Defense provided proof that witness, SNA executive member Abby Pirie, has full control over the SNA email account, and has even changed the password this semester without consulting the Defendant. The witness, a student with no affiliation to the Student Government Association (SGA) or a specific SGA campaign, provided testimony that she alone was in contact with the Morgan-Mickey-Hunter campaign, and sent out legal information to members of the Student Nurses Association via email as was found in *Case No. 2017-09*.

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THEREFORE, the court finds that there is no evidence that VP Patterson violated her neutrality agreement as a member of the election commission. This case is dismissed.

It is so ordered.

THOMAS delivered the opinion of the court. HOWELL (C.J.), GORE, MORGAN, and WRIGHT joined.