



To: Ms. Christine Machovec, Comptroller
Mr. Benjamin Khoshbin, Senator for the Class of 2020

Cc: Ms. Chelsea Larsuel, Associate Member of the Judicial Board
Mr. Phillip Colon, Associate Member of the Judicial Board
Ms. Gabi Gaujean, Associate Member of the Judicial Board
Mr. Brandon Ermer, Associate Member of the Judicial Board
Mr. Kris Schneider, Secretary of the Student Government

RE: JI-12.002 Judicial Order

On Wednesday, November 8th, 2017, the Judicial Board received a petition for inquiry from Mr. Benjamin Khoshbin, Senator for the Class of 2020, concerning the execution of duties by the Comptroller, Ms. Christine Machovec. Ms. Machovec stood accused of violating *Article III, Section 1, Subsection v of the Bylaws* for failing to publish a report on the fiscal activities of the Student Government monthly, which should be made public before the first of each month. Ms. Machovec also stood accused of violating *Article III, Section 1, Subsection vii of the Bylaws* for failing to update the website, which should be updated at least twice a month, and should itemize individual expenses as legally possible. A Formal Hearing was held with all parties present on the afternoon of December 10, 2017.

Article 3, Section 1, Subsection 1 of the Bylaws states that “the Comptroller shall function as the chief financial official of the Student Government.” This clause clarifies that the Comptroller is responsible for any and all financial transactions of the Student Government. It is therefore the Comptroller’s responsibility to report all of the financial transactions of the Student Government, and record them in as much detail as possible on the American University Student Government website (Per *Article III, Section 1, Subsections v and vii of the Bylaws*). The Governing Documents are clear in detailing the expectations for all Executive Board Members of the Student Government.

Therefore, with a unanimous vote, the Judicial Board orders that **Comptroller Machovec be suspended from her duties**. Ms. Machovec will be reinstated to her position once *Article III Section 1, Subsections v and vii of the Bylaws* are fulfilled. This means that **there is to be a report published on the American University Student Government website detailing the fiscal activities of the Student Government, including all departments and sub-organizations of the Student Government**, which the Comptroller is responsible for. Ms. Machovec should also **completely update the American University Student Government website with the individual expenses of departments, sub-organizations, and individuals**. This is all to be completed by the First Meeting of the 13th Undergraduate Senate in the Spring semester. At this First Meeting of the 13th Undergraduate Senate, Ms. Machovec is to detail the events of her term in not properly updating the website and publishing reports, followed by presenting the completed report and information published on the website. If these updates are not reflected on the website by the date indicated, the Judicial Board will reconvene to discuss further sanctions.



Furthermore, it is important to note that, per *Article XIII, Section 4, Subsection i of the Bylaws*, “If a paid member of the Student Government is suspended of his/her duties for more than 5 business days, his/her pay shall be modified in a manner amenable to Student Activities.” The Judicial Board agreed that such neglect by a member of the Executive Board is grounds for expulsion from Student Government (Per *Article VI, Section 02, Subsection 6 of the Judicial Register*), however, the Judicial Board agreed that creating a vacancy in the position of Comptroller would not be productive for the organization.

The Judicial Board recommends, but does not order, that Ms. Machovec review the Governing Documents of the American University Student Government to better understand the Comptroller’s duties of office and ongoing responsibilities (Found in *Article III of the Bylaws*). It is also recommended that Ms. Machovec consider appointing Cabinet Member(s) to assist in the ongoing transparency and punctual updates of the website.

It is so ordered on this 10th day of December, 2017

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Livingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S'.

Stephanie Livingston
Chair of the Judicial Board