



To: Trevor Pugh, Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate

Cc: American University Student Government
Alex Behle, Secretary of the Student Government
Alex Russo, Associate Member of the Judicial Board
Eric Brock, Associate Member of the Judicial Board
Laela Ellis, Associate Member of the Judicial Board
Haiman Wong, Associate Member of the Judicial Board

From: Brian Fu, Chair of the Judicial Board

Subject: Advisory Opinion 14.002

Pursuant to Article III, Section 1(iii) of the Judicial Register, allowing the Chair of the Judicial Board to “determine whether to accept or dismiss inquiries based on sufficient merit” and,

Pursuant to Article III, Section 1(i) of the Judicial Register, allowing the Chair of the Judicial Board to “decide whether an inquiry shall be considered non-binding or binding as well as whether the decision shall be considered through an informal or formal resolution;” and

Whereas the Chair of the Judicial Board received an inquiry from the Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate regarding whether or not the Speaker had the power to issue a legislative order that would require Senators to attend a meeting or face an automatic suspension should they fail to do so, and

Whereas the Chair accepts the inquiry, and

Whereas the Chair has deemed this decision to be in the form of an Advisory Opinion, and

Whereas the Bylaws grant the Speaker the authority to issue legislative orders “towards any end they deem necessary for the operations of the Senate,” and therefore be it

Held that the Chair believes it is within the right of the Speaker to issue any legislative orders that they see fit that is within the jurisdiction of the legislative branch, and therefore be it

Held that a legislative order requiring members to attend a meeting would be within the Speaker's right, and therefore be it

Held that since this is an Advisory Opinion, it is a non-binding decision and may not be appealed.

It is so ordered on this 14th day of April, 2019

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Fu".

Brian Fu

Chair of the Judicial Board

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