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Student Government Association

APPEAL PETITION

This Appeal may be submitted online via email to the Chief Justice: [REDACTED]

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If you are someone filling this form out that is not the Appellant, please provide your name as well as your contact information.

Name: n/a Phone: n/a Email: n/a

Please list the organization and or person that you are filing this case against.

Name: Reid Joseph Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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As of now, would you like a Judicial Advocate to be assigned to you? Yes No

To get a better idea of the case at hand, please answer the following inquiries to the best of your abilities. If you need to do so, you may attach extra pages. Although there is no minimum or maximum limit to the number of pages that you may submit, brevity is key. If available, please attach copies of any documents that you deem relevant, prudent, and would help the Court determine whether or not a writ of certiorari would be necessary.

Case Brief

Describe what happened. Please limit your response to a couple of paragraphs. Also please state if your case is in regards to an Election, Constitutional issue, by-law issue, or a piece of Senate legislation.

Upon arriving at the Senate Desk in Koldus at approximately 12:15pm April 24th, 2014, Mr. Russo saw several bills that had been delivered to Senate by the Executive Branch, presumably the previous evening. Two such bills, S.B. 66-78 The "Football Only" Sports Pass Option Bill and S.B. 66-74 The Board of Regents Fee Accountability Bill, were stamped with a "VETO" stamp on the signature line for

the Student Body President. Neither of these veto stamps were initialed or dated. Mr. Joseph was present in the SGA Office, so Mr. Russo inquired about the vetoed bills. According to Mr. Joseph, who was out of town at the time of the Special Session and General Assembly Meetings on April 24th, 2014, he had directed a proxy to veto these bills before the 66th Session adjourned during Joint Session. Mr. Russo then informed Mr. Joseph that this action was forbidden by the Constitution. At 2:28 pm, Mr. Russo sent Mr. Joseph a citation of the SGA Constitution to this effect. At the time of writing, Mr. Russo had not received any response. Because Mr. Russo and the others cited on this appeal believe this veto to be in direct violation of the SGA Constitution, the former Speaker and bill authors felt it necessary to file an appeal with the Judicial Court.

Special Circumstances (If Applicable)

Are there any special considerations that the Court should take into account? Does this case need to be heard in a specific time frame? Should the Court act by writing an injunction? Please explain.

This case should be heard as soon as possible given that the legislative archives are due to be compiled and completed before the end of the Spring Semester. This case should be heard as soon as possible given that the legislative archives are due to be compiled and completed before the end of the Spring Semester.

Legal Citations

Please tell the Court specifically what passages if any in the Student Government Constitution, by-laws, Senate legislation, have been violated. In addition, if any of the aforementioned documents bolster your case in any way, please list those passages as well.

Facts

State the facts that are pertinent to your appeal. Specificity here is a must. Who, what, when, where, why, and how.

Relief That You Are Seeking

What would you like the Court to do to rectify the harm that you have faced in your appeal?

The court is asked to invalidate the illegal vetos committed by Reid Joseph and a heretofore unnamed member of the executive branch on S.B. 66-74 and S.B. 66-78. Since the 66th Session has ended, these bills should be considered passed, but not signed.

Certification Statement, Rights, & Signature

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, that all statements and documents contained herein and attached are true, and correct. I acknowledge that the submission of false documents and or statements is a violation of the Aggie Honor Code.

- *I understand that if I have not received a decision within five (5) working days, it is my responsibility to check with the Judicial Court*
- *I understand that I will receive the decision on this appeal via the information I provided in this form. If I wish to get a signed copy, I must contact the Judicial Court.*
- *I understand that by submitting this electronically, that constitutes an electronic signature on behalf of the person who submitted it.*

Signature: Christopher Russo

Date April 24, 2014

If you have any inquiries, please contact Chief Justice Julian Whitley: 