

January 16, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Jordan '96
Chair, SGA Judicial Board

FROM: Christopher Williams '96

SUBJECT: Formal Petition of Appeal

During the 48th session of the Texas A&M Student Senate, a controversial bill was introduced that would have included Yell Leaders in the run-off elections. The Student Senate did not feel comfortable making a decision on this issue, and another bill was introduced which would send the issue to a referendum of the student body. This bill passed, and the referendum appeared on the ballot in the Spring 1996 elections. Ten thousand students voted in the elections that year, and 63 percent of those students voted in favor of including the Yell Leaders in run-off elections. These results were certified by the Judicial Board and the Student Body President, yet as of today the results of this referendum have not been enacted.

I claim that the results of this referendum were and are binding upon the Student Government Association. By failing to enact the results of this referendum, the Student Government Association has violated the constitutional rights of the Texas A&M student body.

The Student Government Association does not have the authority to prevent the results of this referendum from being enacted. Therefore, I request that in ruling on this appeal the Judicial Board direct the Student Body President to enact the results of this referendum, effective immediately. I further request that the Student Senate be directed to draft and consider a constitutional amendment which clarifies the process of sending an issue to referendum.

I will represent myself in these proceedings. I ask that the Student Government Association designate a representative as well, and that I be notified as soon as this person is selected. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Christopher Williams '96