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From the DESK OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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TO: The University of Alabama Student Body
FROM: The Student Judiciary Justices in the Hunter v. Elections Board Appeal

The University of Alabama Student Body:

Following prior precedent under the administrations of Chief Justice – Emeritus Tara Ward and Chief Justice – Emeritus Emily Melton, we are providing a statement to the student body regarding the final opinion in the Hunter v. Elections Board Appeal.

On Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 5:18 AM, Chief Justice Young sent the final opinion in the Hunter v. Elections Board appeal to all parties involved in this appeal and to the SGA Webmaster and Director of Media Relations. The final opinion in this appeal was not posted on the SGA website until Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:42 PM.

The Student Judiciary and the Chief Justice along with consultation of The University of Alabama Administration has sole discretion on when to post, remove, and/or amend any decision, orders, and or applications concerning matters relating to the Student Judiciary. Thus, within SGA the Judiciary maintains sole authority to make these decisions.

After being made aware of concerns regarding a recommendation made by the Student Judiciary, we have decided to amend the previous opinion to clarify the language used by the Student Judiciary. In doing so, the current opinion will remain posted on the SGA Website alongside the newly amended opinion and this statement for transparency and to preserve the integrity of the Student Judiciary and its decisions.

To address concerns of parties mentioned in the opinion regarding a recommendation of the Student Judiciary in part VIII of the opinion pertaining to

“a gross and alarming invasion of that person’s privacy and against the law without proper documentation to obtain that information. The Court strongly recommends that the Roth campaign be immediately investigated for potential violations relating to the methods used to obtain information regarding the bar tab,”

the Student Judiciary in the newly amended opinion has decided to clarify its language to read as follows:

“a gross and alarming invasion of that person’s privacy and could be considered a potential violation(s) of the SGA Elections Manual relating to campaign ethics and other provisions in the Elections Manual and/or The University of Alabama Code of Student Conduct. The Court strongly recommends that the Roth campaign be immediately investigated by the SGA Elections Board for potential election violation(s) and/or referral to the Office of Student Conduct relating to the methods used to obtain information regarding the bar tab.”

This is the only portion of the Student Judiciary final opinion that has been amended. The rest of the opinion has not been amended and remains in effect.