



2019-2020 Academic Year

Introduction

As a branch of the ASUW Student Government, the Judicial Council is delegated the authority and responsibility to interpret the ASUW working documents, rule on violations of ASUW rules and the Code of Ethics, and rule on offenses against the ASUW Constitution. It also maintains jurisdiction over the ASUW Rules and Procedures, By-Laws, Finance Policy, and Constitution, as well as all students who participate in officially approved ASUW programs. The Judicial Council retains the duty to regulate the ASUW Student Government and ensure it upholds the integrity of the organization.

During my term as Chief Justice, I aim to expand the role of the Judicial Council while staying within its legislated limits. As a body, we can improve our methods of upholding the Constitution and ASUW working documents as well as how we handle cases of complaints and appeals. I will outline how I envision the Judicial Council operating and how I plan to accomplish these goals.

Vision and Goals

While it is vital that the Judicial Council retains its impartiality, it is also important that we stay informed of any relevant actions of the Executive and Legislative branches. This will assist the Council in understanding the documents of which we have jurisdiction over. As the regulatory body of the student government, we must be transparent, efficient, and fair. When conducting proceedings, we must have a consistent process that is easy for students to utilize and participate in. Finally, the Judicial Council should benefit its members by providing a valuable and educational experience.

Initiatives

I, with the help of the Associate Justices, have come up with multiple initiatives that will help the Council achieve the goals outlined above. To achieve my vision, the Judicial Council will do the following:

1. The Chief Justice will receive and pass along to the Judicial Council any passed legislation that changes the ASUW working documents.
2. The Judicial Council will meet regularly to discuss the working documents, specifically clauses that directly affect the Judicial Council.



3. The Judicial Council will thoroughly examine and revise the Judicial Council Rules and Procedures to make it easier to understand and use.
4. The Judicial Council will ensure that the Judicial Council Rules and Procedures is consistent with all ASUW working documents.
5. The Judicial Council will work to make the process for formal proceedings consistent by revising current clauses and adding new ones in the Judicial Council Rules and Procedures.
6. The Judicial Council will create forms for members of the ASUW to fill out when requesting an interpretation or filing a complaint, referral, or appeal.
7. The Judicial Council will meet all deadlines as outlined in the Judicial Council Rules and Procedures.
8. The Judicial Council will complete trainings led by the Judicial Council Advisor on how to conduct hearings and make objective rulings.
9. The Judicial Council will attend events held on campus that could further their understanding of legal documents and proceedings.

With dedication and service to ASUW,

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