**Judicial Violation Procedure**

The Judicial Branch of the Student Government Association will work for the good of the student body. All necessary procedures will be followed with the upmost respect and dignity.

Upon the receipt of the Violation Request, the Attorney General will open an investigation and collect information from both parties. The accused party will be given the opportunity to submit evidence and a statement regarding the case. The investigation will last between three to five days. After this time period the Justices will meet for a preliminary hearing to determine if the case should be heard. After the preliminary hearing, the Attorney General will inform all parties on the approval of the case. The Attorney General will then continue the investigation for another three to five days. Upon the completion of the investigation, the Attorney General will inform all parties of the time of the Formal Hearing at the earliest date possible.

Both parties will present the Attorney General with a list of witnesses that they wish to have present at the hearing. This will need to be given to the Attorney General via email two days prior to the hearing.

Between the time the investigation has been closed and the Formal Hearing takes place, all parties involved will be given the opportunity to view all available evidence from both parties. This evidence will be held in the SGA Office. In order to view the evidence, the party must contact the Attorney General to set up a time to view the evidence for the case.

During the hearing, all parties will have time to present their side of the case. The Attorney General will present the accusations, followed by the accusing and accused party giving a five minute opening statement. Then accusing party will then present the evidence they have found, followed by the accused party presenting their information, both lasting no more than thirty minutes. The Justices may ask questions during this time or wait till after the parties have finished their presentation of evidence. If the court feels that the questions asked interfered with the time allotted, then the court will allow either party more time to present. First the accusing, then the accused party will be given five minutes to make a closing statement.

Note: Witnesses will wait outside the room, and they will be asked to enter the room upon approval by the Court.

Note: Witnesses may only speak if asked a direct question by the Court or if they are yielded time by the accusing or accused party representatives.

Upon the completion of the hearing, all parties will be asked to leave, and the Justices will deliberate. The Attorney General will inform all parties of the findings of the Judicial Branch.

All results of cases can be found on the SGA website under the Judicial Branch and Court Rulings.