

JOINT ELECTIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C., 20052

MARCH 29, 2023

Official Statement from the Joint Elections Commission

Mr. Galland and Mr. Mora, on behalf of the Joint Elections Commission (“JEC”), issue the following statement regarding the appeal of a verdict made by the JEC dated March 27th, 2023, the appeal of a candidate who failed to gather enough signatures to appear on the ballot, and the retention of legal counsel for the appeals:

“The JEC is confident in its finding of guilt in regards to the March 27th trial of Mr. Christian Zidouemba and in its decision to disqualify him from standing as a candidate for the office of President of the Student Association (“SA”). To the same end, the JEC stands by its decision to exclude Mr. Redzuan Bin Mohamed Raffe from standing as a candidate in the same race.

“The JEC welcomes the opportunity for its decisions to be affirmed by the Student Court and looks forward to prevailing on both Mr. Zidouemba and Mr. Raffe’s appeals.

“The JEC has made the decision to retain the counsel of Mr. Adam L. Galland and Mr. Juan Carlos Mora as representatives for the JEC. Mr. Galland and Mr. Mora will represent the JEC in all actions, arguments, and proceedings before the Student Court. Mr. Mora will be acting in his personal capacity as a student at the George Washington University, and not through his official capacity in the Office of Senate Legal Counsel (“OSLC”).

“Mr. Galland and Mr. Mora will be assisted by Mr. Henry Mills and Mr. Nathaniel Gattuso of the OSLC as well as Mr. Joseph Caltagirone, Mr. Cradler Volmar, and Mr. Adithcharan Thyagarajan of the Office of Legislator General (“OLG”), who like Mr. Mora will be acting in their own personal capacities.

“The JEC is pleased to be represented by this highly-able and experienced team, who will ensure the integrity of JEC decisions as well as the security of free and fair elections.”

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