



University of South Florida
Student Government
Supreme Court
55th Term



STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT

Declaratory Judgment Opinion

REQUESTED BY: ABDOL AZIZ - SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE


DECISION RENDERED: 8/5/2014

Question before the Court:

1. "Does the Pro Tempore count as one of the two (2) minimum people present for the committee to meet although Pro Tempore cannot vote?"

Decision:

- I. Senate ROP 3.2.3 states, "The Pro Tempore may count towards quorum of any standing committee formed by the Senate, but shall not be able to vote" and SCAA SOP 3.2 states, "The Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits shall not meet with less than two (2) people present." Quorum is a requirement for committees to be able to meet and ROP 3.2.3 allows the Senate President Pro Tempore to count towards quorum if they are present and in attendance. SCAA SOP 3.2 further enumerates the requirements for the committee to meet by requiring two (2) minimum people present for the committee to meet. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Panel that the Senate President Pro Tempore may count as one of the two (2) minimum people present for the SCAA committee to meet.


Sammy Hamed
Chief Justice

