

**Per the Supreme Court of the Wichita State University Student
Government**

Advisory Opinion

Decided on: 11/07/2019

Per Curiam,

The Court of the Association met on the above day to discuss an advisory hearing request submitted by president, Kitrina Miller. This opinion was requested due to confusion with the senate review board and potential biases within the court. Through an in-depth discussion of the court we unanimously came to the decisions stated below.

We believe each committee should be represented for the senate review board to function. We were unable to find anywhere in the journal that stated a quorum for the senate review board to function without a committee present, and that might be something you try to add in the future. If a member is unable to attend the meeting, we would hope that you would schedule a different date or have that committee send their alternative in their place. This alternative member should be nominated by the standing committee in order to make sure the board is not stacking the board with people that have the same opinions as themselves. These alternates should be members of the committee in order to represent the committee fairly.

Regarding the concern of members having prior biases of the issues/cases, the court is unsure if the member should be recused without more knowledge of the case. When looking at the journal, the only piece we could find about recusal from a case is 4.5.2 which states that a member can recuse themselves in a case reviewing the performance with any member of the senate review board or if a member of the board is the complainant. However, with the information given to us we don't feel it would be in the best interest of SGA if you can force a member of the board to recuse them self. If you do believe that the case does fit the requirements stated in 4.5.2, the court would like to request more information in order to give a more educated opinion.

Signed: *Katherine Berner*

Chief Justice as of 11.16.2019