

FAMU Law Campus in Orlando Will Re-Vote for SGA President

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- There will be another election for student body president at Florida A&M, but only at the university's Orlando law school campus.

Victor Chrispin Jr., who requested the new election, was citing discrepancies that occurred in voting at the campus, and said he's pleased the the ruling.

Chrispin said, "We have to follow those rules. So, it was important to do this election over; not just for self gain, but to ensure that we're holding our leaders accountable and that everything is done in the right way. That's the reason why I ran for SGA president, why I'm running. I'm going to fight until the end."

The election will be held Tuesday.

The initial election took place in February. Justin Bruno won president and Devin Harrison won vice president.

Bruno claimed that the school's administration had hoped for a different outcome.

Bruno released the following statement in response to the judge's ruling:

"Elections are sacred and the essence of American Democracy. I take the process very seriously and will stand against any attempt to manipulate election outcomes, because I am a Rattler and because it is simply the right thing to do. Winning is not as important as doing what is right and showing leadership in defense of maintaining this coveted democratic process. It cannot be tampered with nor can it be controlled, especially at a university where we are being taught to use high moral ground as a guide.

Today, a Leon County Circuit Court agreed with my running mate and me that our rights to procedural due process had been violated. The Judge granted our temporary injunction, preventing an election on the main campus; his ruling only allows for an election at the FAMU College of Law in Orlando where the alleged violations occurred. We agree with the Judge's order and could not be more pleased with the outcome. We believe that all parties should respect the Court's ruling."